

DISAVOWAL DEMANDED FOR ANCONA AFFAIR

CONSCRIPTION BILL SENT INTO HOUSE BY CHAMBERLAIN

Plan Is to Have All Eligibles Serve in the Army Between Ages of 12 and 23

WOULD FORM CITIZENS' ARMY

Members of the Body Would Be Required to Serve Twenty Days Yearly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary Lansing this afternoon denied a report that Baron Zwiernick, Austrian charge, had asked for his passports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A policy of conscription for the United States citizen army is proposed in a bill introduced this afternoon by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military affairs committee.

All but those especially excused for physical, religious or other specifically named reasons, will be obliged to serve in this army between the ages of 12 and 23 years. The penalty for failing to do so would be \$500 fine.

From 12 to 17 the young men would be organized into a cadet corps and from 18 to 23 into a citizens' army.

The bill provides that for boys between the age of 12 and 14 a drill of not less than 90 hours each year, consisting of calisthenics, without arms, would be given. Fourteen to 16, ninety hours a year, including rifle practice, prescribed. From 16 to 18 there would be in addition ten days each year in a military camp.

In the citizens' army all would be required to serve from 120 hours or 20 whole days in military drill and tactics. The army is divided in groups according to the strategic geographic of the country. It is provided for expressly that where persons have training equal to this in public or private schools, national guard or cadet corps, or other organizations approved by the government, they would be excused from work in the government camps.

SEEK BLACK HANDERS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—The police today were seeking members of an alleged black hand society to solve the murder of Mrs. Genevieve Dimaria, found dead in her bed yesterday. The woman's skull was crushed and two strands of waxed twine wrapped tightly about her neck.

Lorenzo Dimaria, the husband, said he was certain the murder was the result of his failure to meet Black hand demands. He had been receiving letters demanding "\$400 or your head", for three months.

APPROVES BONDS

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Federal Judge Landis today approved the bonds of the appeal of Thomas Kelly, Winnipeg contractor, to the United States supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus. Kelly is fighting extradition to Winnipeg, where he is wanted in connection with an alleged \$125,000 public building steal.

Weather

Today's Temperatures
6 a. m. 24 10 a. m. 22
7 a. m. 25 11 a. m. 21
8 a. m. 25 12 m. 21
9 a. m. 24 1 p. m. 21

Sunrise 7:32 a. m.
Sunset 4:27 p. m.
High, 39.
Low, 22.
Precipitation, .04.

For La Crosse and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight.

For Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight.

For Minnesota—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Somewhat colder east portion tonight. Slowly rising temperature Tuesday.

For Iowa—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Somewhat colder tonight east and central portions.

Weather Conditions

A moderate storm is central in the lower lake region and rain or snow is falling from the upper lake to the middle Atlantic coast. Another storm is moving in on the Pacific slope and rain is general over that section. An area of high pressure extends from Manitoba to Texas and fair weather prevails throughout this section, with the lowest temperature for the season at a few stations. Devils Lake reports 10 degrees below zero and Bismarck 1 degrees below and freezing temperature extends southward into central Texas. The high will dominate the conditions in this section tonight and Tuesday and fair weather will prevail, with somewhat lower temperature tonight.

Wuxtry! War Declared On Peace Ship! Wilson's Defense Program Cause

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
ABOARD PEACE SHIP OSCAR II, via Wireless to Lands End, England, Dec. 12.—(10 p. m.)—War has broken out aboard the Ford peace ship.

Several members of the peace mission are preparing to quit the party at Christiana, and return to America, alleging that the extreme pacifists have adopted an insulting attitude toward everybody upholding President Wilson's preparedness program.

The row broke out Friday. Dr. Aked, Rev. Jones and Arthur L. Weatherly of Lincoln, Neb., introduced a resolution at a meeting of the peace voyagers, opposing the president's preparedness plea.

Ford and twenty-one other peace delegates signed the declaration. Nine other leaders refused.

Dr. Aked, who was one of the first to accept Ford's invitation to make the peace trip, intimated very plainly that those who refused to attach their names to the resolution would be unloaded at the first port. The voyagers who refused to sign rushed to Ford to find out what Dr. Aked had authority for his statement. Ford denied they would be unloaded and asserted they would continue as his welcome guests, despite their personal feelings toward the president's message. Ford, however, continued to support the majority.

WAS GIRL CAUGHT HERE LEADER OF THE BANK RAID?

Lillian Mitten Partially Identified as Much-sought Jay Allen Who Led Daring Hold-up

HOTEL WOMAN IDENTIFIES HER

Believes She Is Young Man Who Roomed with Clifford Skinner, Chauffeur of Robber Car

That Lillian Mitten, 20-year-old St. Joseph, Mo., girl, who was arrested here Friday by Chief Webber with her supposed husband, Clifford Skinner, alleged member of the gang of bandits who robbed the Western State bank of St. Paul, is Jay Allen, leader of the band, is the statement of Mrs. Alice Trumble, proprietress of the Jefferson hotel, Minneapolis, who on Saturday met her at the office of the county attorney. The identity of the Mitten woman and Allen, however, has not been established, according to word from St. Paul.

Miss Mitten has short hair, cut like a boy's. This aroused the suspicion of the St. Paul police when she and Clifford Skinner were brought back after their spectacular arrest on a sleeping car between La Crosse and Tomah.

Ollie McLaughlin, Minneapolis taxi driver, arrested in Minneapolis yesterday, testified positively that he had driven Jay Allen to Owatonna in an automobile Friday, after Allen had put up at the West hotel. McLaughlin said that Allen changed his mind about staying in Minneapolis after reading of the robbery in newspapers. McLaughlin also expressed to authorities the opinion that Allen took with him \$2,000 of the \$3,027.27 lot from the bank.

Mrs. Trumble was one of the most interested listeners to the questioning of Mrs. Skinner at the court house. Every movement of the woman was watched by the hotel woman, who sought to make her comparisons with the actions and voice of one of the men who came to her hotel and engaged a room by the week, Friday, December 3.

Roomed Three Often
A slender man who largely fits the Trumble woman's description of Jay Allen, has been a roomer at her place many times in the past few months. A little over a week ago Allen and a man who gave his name as Davis, whom Mrs. Trumble thinks

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W. T. IRVINE



Prominent Business Man Whose Death Brings a Sense of Loss to La Crosse Today.

W. T. IRVINE DIES AT FAMILY HOME ILL FOUR YEARS

Prominent Jeweler Closes Busy and Wholesome Career in This City Sunday Morning

BUSINESS HISTORY INTERESTING

Came to This City in 1883 and Successively Occupied Several Historic Buildings Here

FUNERAL AT RESIDENCE TUESDAY

Rev. George R. Longbrake Will Deliver Address and Body Will Lie in Oak Grove Cemetery

W. T. Irvine died at his residence, 805 West Avenue South at 1:30 Sunday morning.

Mr. Irvine had been ill for about four years of anaemia, and the end was not unexpected.

With Mr. Irvine at the end were Mrs. Irvine and his son, George G. Irvine, and the latter's wife. Eastman Irvine, brother of George, arrived from New York this morning.

Mr. C. E. Farnsworth and wife, the latter Mrs. Irvine's sister, have arrived from Cresco, Ia., to attend the funeral.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. Rev. George R. Longbrake will deliver the funeral address, and

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CLASS RATE CUT TO POINTS EAST ASKED OF I. C. C.

Shippers' Association Files Complaint Asking Big Reduction to Points East of Chicago

WOULD ENJOY DUBUQUE PRIVILEGE

Iowa City Has First Class Rate 36.6 Cents Lower Than Tariff from La Crosse to New York

Sweeping reductions of class rates on freight from La Crosse to points east of Chicago are asked in a complaint which is in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington today, filed by the La Crosse Shipper's association. The complaint is supplemental of the complaints on rates from La Crosse to central freight and trunk line territory and to Minnesota points, which are now pending before the commission.

Ask Cut on Hides

A commodity rate complaint was also filed with the class rate protest, attacking the rate on green hides from La Crosse to Chicago. The rate at present is 18 cents. The association claims that this is unjust and discriminatory and asks that a rate of 14 cents be established. On this basis they have asked for reparation on shipments of L. Natenshon & Co., amounting to \$142.40, and of the La Crosse Fur & Hide Co., for \$13.32.

Taking Cleveland as an example, the class rate recites the following figures as evidence of injustice in out-bound rates to eastern points:

Class	La Crosse to Cleveland	1	2	3	4	5	6
Present rates	88.3	73	54.5	37.1	31.4	25.3	
Rates asked for	64.1	54.8	41.2	29.2	24	20.3	

The complaint also asks reductions in the classification rates to New York.

At the present time the rates to New York and all other points in the Trunk Line territory are made up of combinations of the rate from La Crosse to Chicago, and from Chicago to the east. Thus on rates to New York the combination amounts to 128.8 cents for first class; 110.3 for second; 85.5 for third; 59.8, fourth; 48.5, fifth; and 49.3, sixth class.

Dubuque Much Lower

As evidence of discrimination, the complaint recites that Dubuque enjoys a first class rate of 98.3, 36.6 cents lower than that from La Crosse. A reduction of the La Crosse rates to meet those enjoyed by Dubuque is asked of the commission.

The reductions asked are shown in the following figures:

La Crosse to New York	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rates asked for	128.8	110.3	85.5	59.8	49.5	49.3
Present rates	98.2	84.9	65.4	46.1	38.9	32.8

SENATE APPROVES NAME OF LANSING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary of State Lansing's appointment was confirmed by the senate this afternoon. There was no opposition. The senate adjourned until noon Thursday.

NOTE IS STRONGEST DELIVERED BY U. S. SINCE WAR'S START

CHINA'S PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THRONE TOKIO INDIGNANT

Japanese Press Declares the Chinese Have Disregarded Mikado's Advice

PEKING, Dec. 13.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic on Saturday accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state.

Tokio Press Bitter

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—The Tokio press today in indignant articles denounced Yuan Shi Kai's acceptance of the Chinese throne. They declared he had openly flouted Japan's advice and urged that Japan make proper representations.

Frisco Colony Angered

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Mass meetings and overflowing mobs in Chinatown today protested Yuan Shi Kai's assumption of the Chinese crown. Funds to start a revolution and continue the republic were liberally subscribed.

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SUBMARINES GET HALF THOUSAND

BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 13.—German and Austrian submarines since the beginning of the war have sunk 508 vessels, with a total tonnage of 917,819, it was announced here today.

This statement was made in semi-official comment on recent English claims about the efficiency of the British submarine "blockade" in the Baltic. It was pointed out that the German fleet continues to wander unrestrained in the Baltic and that the activity of the submarines will soon be impeded by ice.

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ROAD MUST PAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Texas & Pacific railroad must pay \$15,250 to the heirs of J. T. Bigger of San Antonio, Tex., because of his ill-health resulting from being put off a train in a rainstorm at Longview, Tex., the supreme court decided today.

COMMUNICATION TO VIENNA COUCHED IN STRONG WORDS

Note Demands Immediate Disavowal of "Illegal and Indefensible" Act

INTERNATIONAL LAW BROKEN

Survivors' Statements That Ancona Didn't Try Escape Cited; Will Ask Indemnity

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public today, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act; for punishment of the submarine commander, and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent American citizens.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity."

The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman," "barbarous," and a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

Language Is Plain

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed. The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian foreign office on Thursday by Ambassador Penfield, follows:

The Note

"Reliable information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on November 7 a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape, that after a brief period and before the crew and passengers were all able to take to the boats the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel and finally torpedoed and sank it while there were yet many persons on board; and that by gunfire and foundering of the vessel a large number of persons lost their lives or were seriously injured among whom were citizens of the United States."

Confirms Survivors' Reports

"The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the United States and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the declaration of the survivors as it admits that the Ancona after being shelled was torpedoed and sunk while persons were still on board."

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Germany of the attitude of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce and the acquiescence of Germany in that attitude, yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the United States as expressed in no uncertain terms to the ally of Austria-Hungary which attacked the Ancona failed to put in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel which they purposed to destroy because it is presumed of the impossibility of taking it into port as a prize of war."

Slaughter of Innocents

"The United States considers that the commander violated the principles of international law and of hu-

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BLANCHE DICKSON
This pretty child is full of "go" and enterprise. We know it, because we know her father. She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dickson, at Dresbach, and the hill air and the river and the birds and flowers all help make her a little dear.



MARY ADELAIDE HERMANSON
Another Trempealeau lady, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hermanson quite properly think her the first lady of the land. Mary is indeed a pretty child, with the free beauty of a wild-flower in the hills. And wild flowers thrive in Showers of Gold.



CARL ARTHUR MICHEL
Carl lives in Mormon Coulee, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michel. He's a fine boy, with the strength and energy that country atmosphere gives a boy. Carl's busy parents want Mormon Coulee to get a good sprinkling when the Shower of Gold comes.

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TURKS REINFORCED

ATHENS, Dec. 13.—Turkish forces at the Dardanelles have been reinforced and are making heavy attacks upon the Anglo-French trenches. Mytilene dispatches have reported that the Turks bombarded the British front violently Thursday and Friday. New Zealanders repulsed a Turkish infantry attack on the Krithia sector.

AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns
Gray, Faded Hair Dark
and Glossy.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

ONE-ACT COMEDY BY LOCAL AUTHOR CENTER BENEFIT

Bethany Young People Are
Working for Piano with
Entertainment to Be
Given Next Friday

A one-act play from the pen of Mrs. George Hauser will be a feature of the entertainment to be given next Friday evening by the young people of Bethany Center, at Ninth and Tyler streets. The proceeds of the evening will go toward the purchase of a piano for the center. The play is a comedy, "A Weighty Question." Mrs. Hauser is coaching the amateur actors.

The program includes a piano number by Miss Inez May Bringgold of Northwestern university, now supervisor of music in the schools at Houston, Minn., and character readings by Allyn Whitehouse of Houston. The Foster Sisters' orchestra will also appear.

R. N. A. CAMP ELECTIONS

Officers were elected to serve for the coming year at a meeting of Harmony Camp No. 4121, Royal Neighbors at K. P. hall Friday night. The officers elected were: Oracle Paulina Walker; vice oracle, Bertha Thompson; chancellor, Lauretta Malrich; recorder, Jennie Bunnert; receiver, Eliza Coulam; marshal, Mary Vandrashok; 1. sentinel, Emma Roberts; 2. sentinel, Frances Rossberg; board of managers, Agnes Peck, Phoebe Braun and Georgina Johnson. After the election a lunch was served.

BARBER TO TALK AT VENISON FEED

La Crosse County Sports-
men Will Hear Only
Three Speakers at
Feast Tuesday

W. E. Barber, La Crosse representative on the state conservation commission, and Ray Graves of Sparta will be the speakers at the annual venison dinner of the La Crosse County Hunting and Fishing association, which will be held Tuesday at the Northwestern hotel. Judge John Brindley will be toastmaster—and that's all the speaking there will be. Sportsmen have complained that there was too much spouting at some of the past banquets, and this year the committee guarded against an over-abundance of oratorical good things.

There will be a big buck when the feast starts. It is expected, from the crowd to be fed, that there will be only bones left at the finish.

ASKS \$50,000 OF FORMER CLERK

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 13.—George W. Hockrein, formerly a drug clerk in Fond du Lac, now house physician at Mercy hospital, Chicago, is enjoying his honeymoon in the east while Miss Jennie Milward of Chicago is suing him for \$50,000 for breach of promise. Miss Milward was a patient of the doctor's eight years ago.

RECOVER MAN'S BODY

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 13.—The body of Marcell Nadaski, who was drowned in Mueller's lake a week ago, was recovered by William Martin and William Rose of Polaris.

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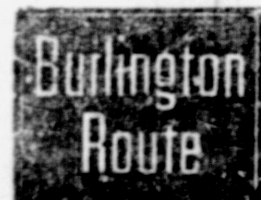
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The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

WITH AUNT ADDIE'S CONSENT

BY ERNE STURGIS

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Gwen saw him as the car rolled up to the station platform. He was standing over near the express office talking to Betty Madison and he raised his cap to her with the cheerful, ingenious smile of one who has overlooked the past.

Very, very slightly she had bowed her head, so slightly that the curling pheasant tail feather hardly wavered in the air. There are some things one does not forget. Her mother was busy giving last injunctions to the chauffeur. Gwen stood just back of her, fastening and unfastening the clasp on her new gray suede gloves industriously.

And very interesting she looked in the bracing winter air, with her gray corduroy traveling suit, her silver fox furs, and that challenging little hat of fur with its one provocative curling red pheasant feather. Clifford glanced at her several times before it really dawned on him that she was still provoked at him. Then he tried to remember what had caused it.

They had decided, first of all, not to fall in love. That had been in the summer when she had gone to the shore. Everybody seemed to fall in love more or less, Gwen had said. She had had seven proposals so far. If he could just promise to be a good pal and steer away from the sentimental she'd love to be not exactly a sister to him, but a sort of second cousin.

When he had to run up home to Boston, he had decided that one letter a week was quite sufficient unless, of course, something unusual might turn up. Nothing had. But Clifford was back inside of two weeks.

And then right out of the blue sky there had dropped—Dick. It had almost seemed part of the summer routine that Dick should appear sooner or later. But there had been some trouble between them, and the day she had been swept out to sea past the lifelines it had been Dick who had swam to the rescue and brought her back.

"But you needn't have treated him the way you did just for that," Clifford had said, most disagreeably. "I've saved lots of girls' lives, but they didn't act as if I was a hero."

"I didn't," Gwen had answered pleasantly. "I just treated him like a dear old friend. I've known Dick for years."

"And you've known me just six weeks. Which do you like the best so far?" It was impossible to stay angry very long with Clifford's good natured face smiling at one. They had really been wonderfully good friends until he had stepped over the border land of good faith and proposed to her.

"I don't suppose you can help it, but I'm so sick and tired of playing heart halm for every boy I know. They all propose sooner or later just from habit, I do believe, or because they know I won't accept."

"Don't you really know? Uncle Stanhope left all his money to his favorite sister, Aunt Adelaide, and she's an unbeliever in men!"—Gwen's brown eyes were sparkling with fun.

"So she put half in trust for me until I was twenty-one on condition that I didn't marry by then and the other half when I am thirty on condition that I am not married then."

"What if you do?"

"It all goes to some charity. She's very peculiar."

"If you really loved the right man you'd throw the whole thing up in the air," Cliff had returned. "I never would have thought you were mercenary."

That had been in late August. Now it was December and he was visiting Betty Madison. She had seen him several times, but that one word would come between them. He had suggested that she was mercenary.

Today she waited until her mother and Aunt Adelaide were comfortably settled in the chair car before she even permitted herself to remember that the only man she had ever really missed was in the next car.

It did seem as if Aunt Addie was unusually trying. She wanted to re-line, then she wanted to go out on the observation and get a breath of fresh air, then she wanted some cracked ice, and finally she wanted to play bridge. It was five hours to Boston, and she simply couldn't stand it without some diversion, and she wished she hadn't come anyway. Just then she beamed radiantly on somebody coming along the aisle, and lo! it was Cliff.

"Well, if it isn't Cliffie Bigelow," she exclaimed. "Come here, child. I've known him, Gwen, since he was knee high to a toadstool; lived next us at Weston for years when your uncle was alive. How's your mother, Cliffie? Doing pretty well for her age, isn't she? Sit down, and take a hand for pity's sake."

Gwen never forgot those five hours. It seemed as if Aunt Adelaide was possessed to make her unhappy. She told stories of Cliff when he was a little boy and a big boy, and how he had saved her life once when old Gray Eagle took fright at the morning express and ran away with her and Cliff had stopped him.

"I never knew you lived in Weston," she said to him, rather plaintively.

"I didn't know you had an aunt who lived in Weston," Cliff returned happily. "Why, I always called myself Miss Tracy's little boy, didn't I, Miss Tracy?"

"Deed you did so, and I want to

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say right here, Gwennie, if you had happened to get married before you was twenty, I'd have left that money all in trust for Cliff. I had an idea when I heard he'd taken up medicine of founding a sort of fund for him to do research work, or else, maybe, I'd have made him find a way to kill off Gypsy moths, pesky things, but so long as you're twenty-one, we'll let it pass. Maybe he'll get the next before you're thirty."

"Today's my birthday," Gwen said shyly, seeing the look in Clifford's eyes across the little table.

"You know, as long as we're going out home for a few weeks, I kind of think I'll have you stay with us, Cliff. The folks will be up in Boston, and the house is all closed up. You're going to Weston, ain't you?"

"Why, no, ma'am. I was on my way to Boston—"

"Nonsense. Come along with us. Maybe you and Gwen can comfort each other, for I declare she's the moaviest girl I ever saw since last summer. Go out on the platform, you two, and see if we're near Providence yet. I want to get a look at Providence."

They stood together on the observation platform, and Gwen was laughing—biting her lip to keep from it, but laughing.

"Suppose we had been married and I'd have had the money to chase after gypsy moths," Cliff leaned against the door and looked at her. "Isn't she a regular old dear, though? I never knew she was your aunt, Gwen?"

"What is it?"

"Many happy returns."

"Thank you," very softly.

"I take it back, Gwen, about your being mercenary. You know I haven't done any work for two months; just tried to forget you, and when I couldn't, I wrote to old Betty and he took pity on me, so I could even breathe the same air you did. Is there any chance at all for me, dear?"

Gwen let him take her hand in his and hold it against his cheek.

"I forgave you long ago," she said.

CUPID BREAKS RECORD

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 13.—Twenty-one marriages were performed in this city during the month of November, according to the vital statistics. The total is the highest ever performed in the month of November.

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TARIFF WILL BE BIGGEST ISSUE BURTON DECLARES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The biggest, but by no means the sole issue in the coming presidential campaign will be the tariff, said ex-Senator Theodore E. Burton, himself a candidate, today.

Just what the other issues will be, however, the Ohio man apparently does not intend the democrats shall know for a while. He wouldn't tell. He only hinted at the other issues in declaring that President Wilson was in error in his reputed statement to the democratic national committee that the republicans will have no issue except the tariff.

SLEET STORM DOES HAVOC IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Interurban traffic was tied up in several states and central Illinois was cut off from wire communication with the world for several hours Saturday by the first sleet storm of the year in the middle west.

The storm was general in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, but was most severe in the vicinity of Springfield, Ill., where all wires were down for several hours. Sleet in Indiana crippled many trolley lines. At Des Moines, Iowa, there was only a light snow.

The snowfall became heavier in Chicago as the day progressed. St. Louis reported a heavy fog and a cold rain, but no damage.

DIES OF JILT WOUND

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 13.—Maude, 15 years old, has died after being shot by Tony Merio when she refused to marry him.

Many a girl has found herself in the spinster's class because she was too clever at the wrong time.

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PLENTY OF SWAGGER TO THESE FROCKS.

Youthful wearers have designed for them wonderful frocks, though Dame Fashion says their lines must be simple. The miss in the picture is garbed in a coatee suit of light tan gaberdine trimmed with dark brown plush. The lower fronts of the coatee are decorated with wool and bead embroidery. Fur may be used for the collar and cuffs, while the revers are of heavy silk. In medium size the dress requires 4 yards 48-inch material, with 4½ yards fur or plush.

The coat illustrated for the little girl is made of dark blue velvet trimmed with fur. Three yards 44-inch material are required to make it, with three yards of fur.

First Costume: Pictorial Review Coatee No. 6461. Sizes, 14 to 20 years. Skirt No. 6060. Sizes, 14 to 20 years.

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November 7,840
 Daily Average 7,840

1—Mon.	7,644	16—Tues	7,796
2—Tues	7,668	17—Wed	7,834
3—Wed	7,690	18—Thurs	7,840
4—Thur	7,683	19—Fri	7,845
5—Fri	7,680	20—Sat	7,958
6—Sat	7,682	21—Sunday	
7—Sunday		22—Mon	7,964
8—Mon	7,687	23—Tues	7,969
9—Tues	7,684	24—Wed	7,980
10—Wed	7,696	25—Thur	7,986
11—Thur	7,696	26—Fri	7,998
12—Fri	7,756	27—Sat	8,032
13—Sat	7,776	28—Sunday	
14—Sunday		29—Mon	8,050
15—Mon	7,784	30—Tues	8,056

Average paid 7,840
 Total paid 203,434
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 Total average circulation 8,155

I, Frank H. Burgess, business manager of the La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1915, was as above stated.

Frank H. Burgess

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of November, 1915.

James Thompson

Notary Public.

A FRENCH ALARM

In a discussion of President Wilson's message by Joseph Reinach, a French journalist, praise is bestowed upon the president for his attitude toward preparedness, because ultimately it is Germany's ambition to absorb the United States—we are giving M. Reinach's idea. We must prepare, says the European journalist, because it will be far better for the United States to choose the hour of conflict than to allow Germany to pick her own opportunity.

We don't have to be all out of sympathy with the president's preparedness program to disagree with M. Reinach. To begin with, the Des- cartes incident suggests we are as likely to need "preparedness" for French as for German consumption, nor has England been hesitant about sticking up our commerce. So far as the Kaiser is concerned, perhaps the best answer to M. Reinach's prediction is that if he has accurately read the German intent, the Kaiser's statesmen are as poorly informed about this land of great distances as is M. Reinach himself. Which, in the light of Germany's obviously accurate information about the other great powers with which she is at war, may be said to reduce M. Reinach's thesis to an absurdity.

If any nation shall make war upon the United States, its greatest effort could not be much more pretentious than a temporary punitive occupation of the coasts. A successful war of conquest is to say the least improbable.

Imagine attempting to maintain a line of communication from New York, for instance, even as far east

as Pittsburgh! Before any army of absorption could over-run the Mississippi Valley the middle name of this vast empire would be "preparedness".

M. Reinach is evidently one of that not inconsiderable class of Europeans who believe that San Francisco is, as it were, a suburb of New York.

"DIRTY POLITICS"

The matter (of hiring a hall for a La Follette meeting) was put up to the recognized local leader of the La Follette faction and he bluntly replied that he would not go across the street to hear La Follette. His comments that followed were anything but complimentary.

Another La Follette man said he would chip in a dollar or two to keep La Follette out of town, but not a penny to get him here. La Follette has lost all standing hereabouts as a republican. Apparently there are many reasons for this, but principally his vote for the democratic tariff bill.

These paragraphs are copied from a "news" story in the Sentinel, carried under a lead head. Isn't this palpable misrepresentation enough to disgust those conservative republicans who respect honesty and good faith in dealing with opponents?

Does anyone for one moment suppose that if the Sentinel knew of a "recognized local leader of the La Follette faction" who had said he "wouldn't go across the street to hear La Follette", the name of that "La Follette" leader would not be splashed all over the front page?

We challenge the Sentinel to produce the name of this Hudson "La Follette Leader" and credit him with the statement that he "wouldn't cross the street to hear La Follette".

Does anyone doubt that if the Sentinel knew of "another La Follette man" who had said he "would chip in a dollar or two to keep La Follette out of town, but not a penny to get him here", that paper would not blazon his name and interview to the world?

Again we quote from the Sentinel's "story":

La Follette stock all through this region has dropped away below par with no demand.

Farmers particularly resent his tirade before the northwestern convention of the American Society of Equity in St. Paul, in which that organization was taken severely to task by La Follette for its failure to engage actively in politics.

St. Paul papers, and the United Press, credited "six thousand farmers" with "Enthusiastic applause" of La Follette's St. Paul speech. The meeting was described as one of such unusual cordiality that La Follette was interrupted by the applause "for several moments", and that the farmers "went home enthusiastic over the address".

A Sentinel reporter would have described the meeting in terms of "small crowd" "mostly women and children" "cold reception" "hisses" "people leaving in disgust".

THE FABLE OF "PREPAREDNESS"

Once Upon a Time there was a Slick Old Guy who had a Good Thing making Dope for a Tribe of Savages. The Savages liked the Taste pretty well, and They paid the Slick Old Guy any Price he had the Nerve to ask. Since he was getting about One Million per cent on his Money, the Slick Old Guy put a whole lot of his Eggs in one Basket. It was a Swell Incubator for hatching out Steen-cylinder Autos and Diamond Dog-Collars for Friend Wife.

After a Long Course of Treatment the Savages got a Stupendous Tribal Colic from the Dope. It didn't Come Up to the Claims on the Wrapper, and it felt like the Hob of Hades on the Inside. So the Savages went on the Wagon and Took the Pledge.

The Slick Old Guy, however, was not Caught with his Breeks Un-moored. He had seen the first Signs of Distress among the Savages, and to Save his Eggs he began to Adver-

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Just for a Moment

Oh, just for a moment, when Christmas has come.
 Sit down, little girl, little boy,
 And silence the trumpet and muffle the drum.
 Forget every doll, every toy—
 Then think, in the stillness that fills all the room,
 Of somewhere far over the sea,
 Of hearts that are dumb in the sense of their gloom,
 Of Christmas that never will be.

And just for a moment, you grown-ups, suppose
 You return from the gladness at home,
 Where candle shades give things the color of rose,
 And then let your quick fancy roam
 To homes that were once, and to hearths that are bare,
 To children who know naught of glee—

Then, just for a moment, in thought you will share.
 The Christmas that never will be.

So, just for a moment, suppose you and I
 Agree on this deed we will do:
 We'll think of the children who wonder and sigh
 Of Christmas that they once knew;

We'll send them a prayer, we'll send them a thought,
 And hope that we never may see
 The days dipped from hell that of warfare have wrought
 The Christmas that never will be.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit in Life.

Terms

The owner of the motor car said to the business head of the roadside garage:

"Have you filled my tank with adulterated gasoline?"

"I have."

"And the circulating system with water, sand and mud? And my cylinders with imitation oil?"

"I have."

"Then how much do I owe you?"

"Four dollars—and an apology."

"Apology for what?"

"For conveying the impression that I am an exception to a general rule."—Life.

Got the Wrong Foot

An English soldier, a member of the Second South Staffordshire regiment, says that one bitterly cold

use to Create a Home Market. He told the Neighbors that the Tribal Colic was an Inevitable Result of the Circulation of the Blood, and that the Dope was the Only Vaccine. And the Neighbors, seeing how Badly the Savages were doubled up by the Tribal Colic, took his Word for it and Got Vaccinated.

Thus the Slick Old Guy hatched out all his Eggs.

Moral:
 The Home Folks are Easy.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers.

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a La Crosse woman is confirmed after two years.

Mrs. H. Hermanson, 1125 S. Third St., La Crosse, says: "I had dizzy and nervous spells and my kidneys were weak. My back ached intensely. Nothing helped me until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Erhart's Drug Store. I was soon rid of the pain and other kidney ailments." (Statement given October 8th, 1910).

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WHAT CAUSES COLD?

This question is asked every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but often due to disordered blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons fat-foods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the system better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the important reason why Scott's Emulsion should always be taken for colds, and it does more—builds strength to prevent sickness.

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night in the early spring he and his mates came out of the trenches. They were billeted in a barn, where they were packed in very close.

"Though numb with cold, we were soon asleep," said the soldier in telling the incident. "I was awakened in the night by one of our chaps trying to put his boots on. After he had been trying for a minute or two I heard the fellow next him say: 'What the — are you doing?' 'Putting my boots on,' was the reply.

"Well, that's my foot, you fool!"

A Child's Reasoning

"Daisy," remarked the teacher, "don't love your cat too much. What would you do if it died—you wouldn't see it again?"

"Oh, yes; I should see it in heaven."

"No, dear; you're mistaken; animals cannot go to heaven like people."

Daisy's eyes filled with tears, but suddenly she exclaimed triumphantly:

"Animals do go to heaven, for the Bible says the Promised Land is flowing with milk and honey, and, if there are no animals, where do they get the milk?"—Tit-Bits.

The New Game

Mrs. McGreevy was a dinner guest one evening where a noted explorer was the attraction. Being of a somewhat languid turn of mind, she paid more attention to her dinner than to the conversation. After dinner was over she turned to one of the guests and asked:

"What was that tiresome old explorer talking about?"

"Progressive Patagonia," was the reply.

"Really?" asked Mrs. McGreevy with sudden interest. "And how do you play it?"

A Miscouint

Count—I can't live without you, Miss Monne!

Miss Monne—Don't you mean, count, that you cannot live as you'd like to without me?—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Charge Explained

Judge—What's your charge against the prisoner?

Complainant—Burglary. He stole \$5 from me at the station.

Judge—But for burglary there must be a breaking.

Complainant—Well, your honor, when he took the five he broke me.

—Boston Transcript.

A Difference

"Mirandy, fo' de Lawd's sake, don't let dem chicken outer dis here yard. Shut dat gate."

"What fur, Alack; dey'll come home, won't dey?"

"Not soze you kin see it. Dey'll go home."—Jester.

A Breach

Binks—Young Mr. Flighhigh is certainly a man of promise.

Jinks—So I hear. I understand Miss Butterfly is suing him for fifty thousand.—Judge.

PLAN HAPPY CHRISTMAS

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Dec. 13.—Mayor Cohen will play the role of Santa Claus to the poor this year and has started the ball rolling by offering any needy persons who will apply to him 100 pounds of coal free. The Elks' club promises to outfit anything ever attempted in the community Christmas idea here and the children of the city will be given a treat. A mammoth tree will adorn the square and will be supplied with enough presents to satisfy all.

School Teacher—"Why is a certain part of the church called the altar?"

Willie—"Because it is where people change their names."

THE TRIBUNE SCORED BEATS ON THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS STORIES OF THE LAST WEEK

Here, in brief, is a record of the spot news which the TRIBUNE gave its readers last week, and which NO OTHER LA CROSSE NEWSPAPER gave its readers UNTIL THE DAY AFTER its appearance in the TRIBUNE.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, the TRIBUNE was the ONLY La Crosse newspaper which informed its readers of the important action of the United States government, refusing to give Germany its reasons for asking for the withdrawal of Boy-Ed and von Papen, and of the crisis consequently feared.

Also, on Tuesday, the TRIBUNE was the ONLY La Crosse newspaper that published the complete text of the president's message, only a summary of which appeared in other local papers.

Thursday, Dec. 9, the TRIBUNE was the ONLY La Crosse Newspaper that published the fact that the French cruiser Descartes had stopped two American steamers, flying our flag, and taken therefrom sailors claimed to be German citizens—the United States protests this action.

On Thursday, also, the TRIBUNE was the ONLY La Crosse newspaper that published the story of the auto bank robbery in St. Paul, one of the perpetrators of which was captured by Chief Webber in this city the following day.

Friday, Dec. 10, the TRIBUNE was the ONLY La Crosse newspaper that published the news that the Kaiser had waived his demand for an explanation of the request for the recall of Boy-Ed and von Papen, and had recalled both. This step, averting a threatened crisis, was vastly important.

Upon that same afternoon the TRIBUNE was the only La Crosse paper that published a complete story of the American ultimatum to Austria on the Ancona incident from which may come severance of diplomatic relations. A contemporary carried a brief and obscure paragraph, evidently snatched upon the moment of going to press.

The TRIBUNE was the only local paper which on Friday afternoon carried the news of Senator La Follette's statement to the Minnesota branch of the American Society of Equity that he expected to become a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

These were pre-eminently the most important news stories of the week, and unless you are a reader of the TRIBUNE you did not get them until the day after they appeared in this paper.

MORAL: If you would have the news when it is news, you MUST read the TRIBUNE.

MIDDLEMEN GET HUGE LUMP SAY CREDIT EXPERTS

Men at Marketing Congress Say Jobbers Rob the Farmer of Most of Profits

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 13.—Nine billion dollars is the price American farmers get for their crops every year, while enough is added by middlemen so that the consumers pay twenty-seven billion dollars for the same crop, according to the statement of rural credit and marketing experts before the Southern Commercial Congress, which opened here today.

The House of Southern Governors also began a 5-day meeting. Cotton, credits and commerce will be the big subjects most discussed by both bodies. Peace and prosperity also will have place on the program.

Members of the congress were told by speakers favoring rural credit legislation that the farmer gets thirty-five cents and the middleman sixty-five cents of each dollar the consumer pays for the farmer's crops. There is an enormous amount of waste, especially in perishable products, because of the lack of a central, directing market intelligence, they said.

The delegates are welcomed by Mayor John P. Grace of Charleston, R. G. Rhett, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida, president of the congress, read his annual address. John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union, also spoke.

Miss Louise G. Lindsley, Nashville, president of the Woman's auxiliary, opened the meeting of that organization this afternoon. Mrs. Julia Heath, New York, president of the National Housewives' league, Miss Kate Gordon, New Orleans; Mrs. John Epperson and Mrs. Rutledge Smith, Tennessee; Mrs. D. A. McDougal, Oklahoma, and other prominent southern women, also spoke.

Tonight Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, New York, will speak on "The Changed Outlook", and a number of southern governors will join in an informal discussion of "Cotton, Commerce and Rural Credits."

Mobilization of the Atlantic fleet, by order of the Secretary of the Navy, Mobilization of the National

Guard of South Carolina, Conference of Southern Cotton Congress, Conference of National Drainage Congress, Conference of Southern Commercial Secretaries, Rural Credits Conference under personal guidance of David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy; Conference of League to Enforce Peace, of which ex-President Taft is president, to be presided over by President Lowell of Harvard; Conference on Commercial Education in Relation to Foreign and Domestic Commerce, to be presided over by Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, Assistant Secretary General of the International Scientific Congress; Meetings of the American Commission on Agricultural Organization.

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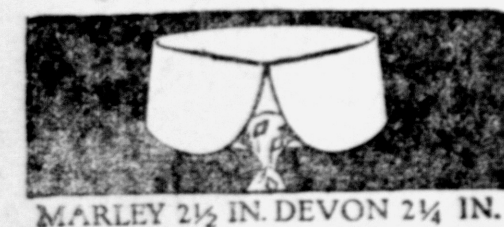
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WAR ODDITIES

LONDON.—Families who have gained their livelihood on the East-coast by "shrimping" for 180 years have had their industry cut off for the first time by the war and are in poverty.

LONDON.—A recruiting incident is told from a large recruiting station where a man anxious to join the army was quizzed about his religion. He had none but was anxious



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to oblige, promptly asking the recruiting officer what particular religion he was short of. He was enlisted without religion.

AMSTERDAM.—Dutch customs officials at Beek seized enormous quantities of fats and oils about to be smuggled into Germany disguised as rolls of paper.

COBINE IMPROVES

Although still in a serious condition from the accident of Saturday, Charles H. Cobine, stationary engineer with the Wisconsin Railway, Light and Power company, is resting easily at his home, 224 North Seventh street. Mr. Cobine miraculously escaped death early Saturday morning when he was knocked senseless at the electric substation of the street railway company on North Third street by coming in contact with a wire carrying 44,000 volts.

When a famous tenor last sang in London his tailor was so anxious to hear him that the tenor sent him a ticket. A few days later, when he saw the tailor, he naturally asked him: "How did you like it?" To which the tailor replied: "It was simply awful! Your trousers didn't fit!"

FORD SPARKS HIS APPEAL TO RULERS TO END CONFLICT

He Says Mission Should Not Be Taken as One of Meddlesome Nature

WAR FAILS TO SOLVE PROBLEM

He Asks That Armistice Be Declared Immediately to Spare Men from Another Winter

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Henry Ford today called upon rulers of warring European nations to declare an immediate truce and to begin negotiations for ending the world war. Ford's message of peace went crackling forth from the wireless "peace gun" of the ship Oscar II, now approaching Christiania with its cargo of American peace advocates. The same message was sent to every ruler in Europe, including heads of neutral nations, and a copy was wireless back to New York, having been relayed from Ford's ship to the liner Noordam and then passed to Cape Race. It follows:

"Sirs: We come in this time of trouble, not to add to your burdens but to help lift them, not to consider which nations are most to blame for the disaster that has befallen Europe, but to end the strife, not to intrude ourselves upon your national life and national ideals, but rather with an earnest desire to understand them and a heartfelt desire to aid in realizing them.

"The love of country for which every day, tens of thousands of lives are sacrificed is the same in every land. Your nation, like the people of all the other belligerent countries, is fighting for its national existence and its best national traditions and so there can be no irreconcilable difference. Such common ideals surely must afford a basis upon which to establish a magnanimous and honorable peace.

"The men and women of your country and of all the warring countries have proved their loyalty. Enough blood has been shed, enough agony endured, and enough destruction wrought. The time has come to stop the bloodshed, to save the people from further slaughter and the civilization of the world from anarchy and ruin.

War Useless He Says
"Has not been tried enough by sixteen months of fighting? Is it not proven that war cannot solve the problem, but that it leads only to loss and misery? Must more lives be crushed and more lives and mothers bereaved before we recognize that Europe is bleeding to death and that the world must be staunch?"

"The rising desire of the people in neutral nations to convert a barren disinterestedness into active good will has prompted the citizens of the United States of America to sail for Europe on the steamship Oscar II with the serious purpose to joining with the citizens of the European neutral nations in an organized effort to help restore peace upon an honorable and just basis; to facilitate direct negotiations between you and the other warring nations. We neutrals are about to join in a conference which shall without delay form and submit to you and all the other belligerent nations proposals as a basis simultaneously for discussion leading to the final settlement.

Wants Immediate Truce

"Therefore, we do earnestly entreat you and the rulers of all the other warring nations to declare an immediate truce. Let the armies stand where they are. Then let the negotiations proceed so that the soldiers may be delivered from another bitter winter in the trenches and sent back to their labors and their firesides. As there is no other way to end the war except by mediation and discussion, why waste one more precious human life for the sake of humanity. (Signed) HENRY FORD."



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SOMERS CAN'T MAKE A GO OF BASEBALL



Charles W. Somers.

Charles W. Somers, owner of the Cleveland club in the American league, has decided to dispose of his interests on account of financial difficulties. The club has been a losing proposition to Somers for two years, and during the last year his affairs have been in the hands of a committee of bankers.

NORTH SIDE

DAUGHTERS FIND FATHER'S BODY HANGING IN BARN

Joseph Sieber Takes Own Life for Mysterious Reason After Doing Chores for His Daughters

Daughters of Joseph Sieber, 933 Island street, who went to the barn this morning to bring out the wash-tubs, found the body of their father hanging from a rafter. He had taken his own life after stringing the clothesline for his daughters and lighting a fire to heat the water they intended to use in the family washing.

The cause of his suicide was a mystery today. His family declared there has been no domestic trouble, and that their father had been apparently in his right mind up to the time he retired last night. Sieber was a widower, his wife having died three years ago. He has been employed at the La Crosse Rubber Mills, as a mixer. He has been in good health, and not apparently depressed. He was 58 years old.

Coroner W. L. Tetley was called, but he decided an inquest was not necessary. Suicide for reasons unknown was the coroner's verdict.

Five sons and two daughters survive. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

North Side Briefs

O'Neill shoe store. Xmas slippers \$1 John Erickson, who spent a few days at his home, 1727 George street, has returned to Savanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre have returned to their home in Winona after a visit at the home of Miss Mary McIntyre, 1828 Kane street.

Mrs. Carl McKeith, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Merwin, 1726 Kane street, has returned to her home in Trempealeau.

Miss Mae Johnston has returned to her home, 1416 George street, after a visit in Prairie du Chien.

The Good Samaritans will be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Thomas French, 1349 Avon street. Arrangements for Christmas work will be under the order of business.

John Stifter, 1537 Berlin street, is confined to the St. Francis hospital with illness.

Mrs. E. Cordell, who spent a few days in Waukon, Iowa, has returned to her home, 1551 Avon street.

George Nutting has returned to his home, 1829 Kane street, after spending the past few weeks in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Elsie Dorr, who spent a few days at her home, 1819 Wood street, has returned to Holmen.

Miss Alice Egan has returned to Minneapolis after spending the past few weeks at her home, 1606 Wood street.

Mrs. John Rusche, 1902 Kane street, has returned to her home after being confined at the Grandview hospital, where she underwent an operation.

"HISTORY" TOPIC OF NORMAL ASSOCIATION MEETING TONIGHT

"History" will be the topic discussed by Prof. A. H. Sanford and Miss Ethel H. Robinson at the regular meeting of the Parents' and Teachers' association of the state normal school, in the kindergarten tonight.

Miss Gretchen Schweizer will render a piano selection and there will be a song by Carroll Robb, after which the annual election of officers will precede the principal topic as presented by Professor Sanford and Miss Robinson.

Light refreshments will be served, one course to consist of "canned music."

TOMAH DOCTOR GETS PATENT ON BREEZE ELECTRICITY MAKER

Invents Wind Power Plant That Develops Current to Light Home and Run Machinery

BIG DANCING PARTY IS AN EVENT

More Than 150 Couples Entertained at Beautifully Appointed Christmas Party at McCaul's

TOMAH, Wis., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Dr. E. H. Manning has made application for a patent on a wind power plant, designed to furnish power for generating electricity, for charging storage batteries, or other service where a cheap power and steady motion is desired.

The valuable features the inventor claims for his mill over the ordinary type of wind mill are that he gets a much greater percentage of efficiency, the motion is perfectly controlled, and the power is delivered to a revolving shaft; thus making it applicable to driving any kind of stationary machinery.

Make Electricity
The mills are especially adaptable to rural and suburban home service for light and power, and may also supply heat for the radiators and electric range at a first cost only, plus a reasonable upkeep expense.

The mill will be electrically controlled from the wall switch in the home and automatically controlled at the mill.

Dancing Party

One of the largest social events of the season was the card and dancing party given at McCaul's hall on Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCaul. There were about one hundred and fifty present. The hall was beautifully decorated in red and green, a canopy being formed of the twisted paper draped from a center light, surrounded by a Christmas bell, to the sides of the hall. Easy chairs, rugs and vases of cut flowers at the side of the room gave it a more home like appearance.

The early part of the evening was given up to "500."

Christmas decorations were carried out in the score cards, etc. The prizes were won by Dr. C. L. Anderson and Mr. Will Fieting and Mrs. Alois A. Fix and Mrs. Clara Quigg.

The card tables were then removed and dancing—the old fashioned dances as well as the new—was indulged in until about eleven o'clock. Refreshments were served at small tables, each decorated with a lighted Christmas candle and festoons of red and green Japanese hemp ending in a place card at each place. The refreshments and all carried out the color scheme of red and green.

To Read "Beau Brummel"

The Dramatic Reading club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mosher on Monday evening, December 13th. They will read "Beau Brummel."

O. E. S. Elects

At a meeting of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Elizabeth Seymour, Worthy Matron.
Mr. C. H. Wicklund, Worthy Patron.

Mrs. Rose Eidsemoe, Associate matron.
Mrs. Al Zeibel, Conductress.

Miss Mate Loehr, Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Margaret Hanover, Secretary.

Mrs. Grace Warren, Treasurer.
Mrs. C. T. Sipple, Trustee.

R. A. M. Choose Officers
Mr. C. H. Wicklund, High Priest.
Mr. T. E. C. Vesper, King.

Mr. O. R. King, Scribe.
Mr. W. W. Warren, Treasurer.
Mr. I. N. Palmer, Secretary.

Mr. Ed Achtenber, Trustee.
Operetta Pays
The High school students took in \$133.75 at the operetta on Thursday evening. The Athletic association will clear about \$90.00 from it.

Teachers Meet
On Friday, December 17th, a school board convention and rural teachers' meeting will be held at the high school. There will be no assembly in the main room, but the classes will recite as usual on that day.

The following is the program:
9:30 a. m.—Opening exercises.

"School Hygiene and Sanitation"—Rural Inspector A. A. Thomson.
"The High School Teachers' Training Course"—Nell Mahoney.

"Recent School Legislation"—Superintendent M. M. Haney.

1:30 p. m.—Opening exercises; enrollment and announcements.

"Some of the Short Comings of our Country Schools"—Prin. F. M. Bray, Tomah.

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Princess Jue Quon Tai.

Princess Jue Quon Tai fled to America when her rich father tried to make her marry a man she did not love. She is now in New York, and is travelling without a chaperone. She thinks the United States a wonderland.

Under Existing Conditions"—Mr. A. A. Thomson.

"Suggestions for Improvements in Country Schools"—Miss Harriet C. Murphy, supervising teacher.

Question box and discussions.
Military Dinner
Captain J. G. Graham entertained at a six o'clock dinner on Friday for Captain Westcott of the U. S. A. It was strictly a military affair. In the evening Captain Westcott Inspected K company. The company had a drill and received some instructions from Captain Westcott.

Personals
Miss Lulu Burlin of La Crosse, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burlin in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon are the proud parents of a baby boy—born on Saturday, December 11th. Mrs. Bacon was formerly Miss Edith Hart.

Mr. Will Misteel of Kendall, spent Saturday in the city.

Mrs. Clara Quigg entertained a party of about fourteen at dinner at the Sherman hotel on Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Howes spent Sunday in La Crosse.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barrows returned on Friday from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. P. Hambrecht in Madison.

Emil Janke's garage is going up at a rapid rate. The foundation and first story are almost completed. The workmen have found it necessary to mix the cement with boiling water to keep it from freezing. Mr. Janke expects to be in the building by the first of the year.

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WATTERSON DENIES HE EVER INTENDED TO MAKE HER WIFE

He Never Proposed or Agreed to Marry Miss Nellie Dummer Says Dentist in Discovery Hearing

That Miss Nellie Dummer had "hounded him for years" to make him marry her, but that he had never asked her to marry him, agreed to marry her or even intended to do so was the declaration of Dr. Carlisle C. Watterson, dentist, at the discovery hearing preliminary to Miss Dummer's breach of promise suit against him. The hearing occupied a quarter of an hour this morning before Court Commissioner Alfred Harrison.

Questioned by J. E. Higbee, Miss Dummer's attorney, Dr. Watterson was unable to recall the length of time he had known Miss Dummer. It might have been seven years, he said, but he couldn't remember any more definitely. He did not know how long he had "kept company" with her.

There had been many breaks between them, he said, but the final one occurred last March. Since then he testified that he has not "kept company" with the plaintiff, although he admitted, under questioning, that he "had her out a few times" and had sent her flowers, "the same as to any lady friend."

Dr. Watterson flatly denied ever having made any promise of marriage, and all intention of such action.

NURSES PREVENT PANIC

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Nurses at the Mary Thompson hospital today averted a panic among fifty women patients when fire started in a factory next door.

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WELL-KNOWN PAIR MARRY IN HOUSTON

Miss Pearl Chapel and Wal-
lace McMillan Made Man
and Wife at Pretty Cer-
emony Saturday

HOUSTON, Minn., Dec. 13.—Miss
Pearl Chapel, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Tom Chapel, and Wallace Mc-
Millan, two of Houston's most popu-
lar young people, were united in
marriage at half-past ten Saturday
morning at the home of the bride's
sister, Mrs. O. C. Onsgaard. Only re-
latives were present. The ceremony
was performed by the Rev. B. B. Os-
trem. The bridegroom was accom-
panied by Miss Ethel McMillan, the
groom's sister, and Ray Chapel, the
brother of the bride.

A wedding dinner was served fol-
lowing the ceremony. The house
was prettily decorated for the oc-
casion, the color scheme being in pink
and white.

The bride was charmingly gowned
in white chiffon over net, with ta-
feta bodice. She carried a bouquet of

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When your kidneys are weak and
acidic they do not properly perform
their functions; your back aches
and you do not feel like doing much
of anything. You are likely to be
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headaches, and to feel generally un-
easy. Don't let this be a victim any longer.
The old reliable medicine, Hood's
Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone
to the kidneys and builds up the
whole system. Get it today.

Personals

B. A. Yeomen dance Tuesday.
George Larson, collector for The
TRIBUNE, is confined to his home
as the result of a sprained ankle,
sustained when he slipped and fell
upon an icy sidewalk this morning.

James Thompson, well-known lo-
cal attorney, left Saturday for a busi-
ness trip to Chicago.

W. F. Wolfe, La Crosse member
of the board of normal school re-
gents, is in Plattville today attend-
ing the funeral of the late President
Sutherland of the Plattville normal
school.

Phone Gateway City Transfer Co.
for your next hack call. Phone 179.

E. L. Benjamin, formerly of this
city, has been here on business con-
nected with the poultry show for
the last few days. He represents the
Reliable Poultry Journal. Mr. Ben-
jamin left today for Adams, Minn.

Miss Ruth Leissring, teacher in
the West Salem schools, has return-
ed to her work after spending the
week-end with her mother in this
city.

Miss Alice Hyde, 1029 Caledonia
street, is confined to her home with
a severe attack of tonsillitis. Miss
Hyde is a normal school student.

Miss Lorna Stathem, of West Sa-
lem, spent the week-end with her
mother, Mrs. Clara L. Strathem of
this city.

Property in the town of Burns
amounting to 160 acres of farm
land, has been sold by Henry Wadel
of Sparta to Alfred C. Wadel of
Bangor. The consideration was \$3,-
000.

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NORMAL SHOOTERS LEAVE AT NOON ON THEIR LONG JAUNT

The normal school dismissed fif-
teen minutes earlier this noon to en-
able the students to turn out in a
body to extend a hearty sendoff to
the basketball team which left at
12:20 on the Burlington for Prairie
du Chien, where they play champion
college tonight. Kiebie's German
land added zest to the sendoff.

A mass meeting was held in chapel
period this morning, the first of the
basketball season, Art Holthaus be-
ing in charge.

The men who left on the basket-
ball trip are Coach Sputh, Captain
Weisse, Strum, Melner, Grounds,
Hoepner and Jackson. They will do
their scholastic work during the time
that they are not engaged in their
strenuous athletic duties. The trip
will take the team into Illinois, In-
diana and Ohio.

NOTICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Wisconsin, County Court,
La Crosse County.—In Probate.

In re estate of Henry Atlas Lin-
coln, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that at the
regular term of said Court to be held
on the first Tuesday, being the
fourth day of January, A. D. 1916, at
the Court House in the City of La
Crosse, County of La Crosse, and
State of Wisconsin, there will be
heard and considered the application
of W. L. Tetley, for the appointment
of an administrator of the estate of
Henry Atlas Lincoln, late of the
City of La Crosse in said County, de-
ceased.

Notice is hereby further given,
that at the special term of said Court
to be held at said Court House, on
the third Tuesday, being the eight-
eenth day of April, A. D. 1916, there
will be heard, considered and ad-
justed all claims against said deceased.

And notice is hereby further given,
that all such claims for examination
and allowance must be presented to
said County Court at the Court
House in the City of La Crosse, in
said County and State, on or before
the thirteenth day of April, A. D.
1916, or be barred.

Dated December 13, 1915.

By the Court,
JOHN BRINDLEY, Judge.

WM. S. BURROUGHS,
Attorney.

AERONAUTS KILLED

LYONS, France, Dec. 13.—Lieut-
enant Caudron and his brother, a
well known French aeroplane in-
ventor, with their mechanic were
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WEDNESDAY

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Mann, Peggy Pearce, etc., and No. 4
"BROKEN COIN."

Events In The War One Year Ago Today

The Serbians retook Belgrade. A
British submarine sank a Turkish
battleship and 600 men at the Dar-
danelles. Russians cut off the Ger-
mans' retreat from northern Poland.

HIGHWAYS ARE PLANNED

PORTAGE, Wis., Dec. 13.—Plans
are under way for two thorough
highways across Columbia county,
one from the north to south end of
Kilbourne, via Portage and Poyette
to Madison, and the other from Por-
tage east to Columbus. State high-
way officials were here conferring
with the local officials regarding the
plan.

WOULD HAVE MUNITIONS BAN

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 13. Resolu-
tions demanding enactment of laws
placing an embargo on shipments of
munitions to Europe were adopted
at a mass meeting held by the Ger-
man-American alliance Sunday. C. J.
Hexamer of Philadelphia, national
president of the alliance, was the
principal speaker.

Debt Collector—"is your master at
home?" Servant (curtly)—"No, he
isn't." Debt Collector (suspiciously)

Society

ALUMNI BALL

A Holiday Ball will be given by
the High School Alumni association
at the Hixon Gymnasium on the eve-
ning of December 30th to which
all alumni and their friends are cor-
dially invited. Miss Helen Dorset and
Mrs. Harry M. Curtis were appoint-
ed to take charge of the affair at a
recent meeting of the executive
meeting of the association.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Vernon Viner will entertain
the Women's Missionary society of
the English Lutheran church tomor-
row afternoon at her home, 1509
Farwell street.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY

At the Hixon homestead in this
city there will be a delightful fam-
ily party for Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day. In the party will be
Mr. Frank P. Hixon and daughters
and sons-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Logan
Clendenning of Kansas City, and Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Foster Glorie of
Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. William L.
Hixon and sons of Minneapolis; Mr.
and Mrs. George Hixon, of Chicago,
and probably Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Hixon, of Toledo, Ohio.

PICNIC SUPPER

Mrs. M. E. Eaton and Mrs. Mary
Shadbolt were hostesses at a picnic
supper Saturday evening at the home
of Mrs. Eaton, 128 South Tenth
street.

SURPRISE PARTY

Yesterday afternoon a company of
La Crescent ladies pleasantly sur-
prised Mrs. Herman Seidel at her
home, the occasion being her birth-
day.

Among those present were: Mes-
dames R. Brandt, W. Emily, P.
Fitting, H. P. Krog, A. Lilly, F. Ober,
J. Hill, C. Laidel, Herman, W. Bran-
ley, Jno. Umberger, A. Hartman, E.
B. Webster, G. Umberger and W.
Harrison.

A social afternoon was spent, af-
ter which Miss Maebell served a
bountiful lunch.

The guests presented their hos-
tesses with many pretty and useful
gifts, and departed wishing her many
more prosperous years.

DANCING PARTY

A dancing party was given at the
Germania hall Thursday evening by
Ray Bedessem and George Mc-
Laughlin. Refreshments were
served at a late hour. The party was
chaperoned by Mrs. J. Zust. Those
present were: Misses L. Kindley, M.
Gardner, Clara Tilman, Ruth Bran-
well, Bessie Giesenhaimer, Stella
Holway, Helen Mann, Marvel Bedes-
sem, Mabel Eggert, Charlotte Davis,
Eloise White, Miriam Zust;
Messrs. Henry White, Hugh Mar-
shall, J. Gensman, Ralph Kindley,
Glen Heggy, Harold Reid, Casberg,
Johnson, G. McLaughlin, R. Bedes-
sem and John Walters.

NAROSKY HEADS I. O. O. F.

F. J. Narosky was on Saturday
night elected Chief Patriarch of Ru-
dolph Encampment No. 9, I. O. O. F.
Other elections were:

High Priest, L. D. Moore; Senior
Warden, H. C. Merman; Junior War-
den, J. W. Torrance; Scribe, C. J.
Stokke; Treasurer, A. Kirschner;
Trustee, John Banker.

ZURBUCHEM-ARMSTRONG

Miss Hilda Zurbuchem and Perry
Armstrong, both of Bangor, were
married Saturday at five o'clock at
the parsonage of the West Avenue
Methodist church. Rev. J. E. Wat-
son performed the ceremony. Mr.
and Mrs. Armstrong will reside in
Bangor.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Cards have been issued for the
marriage of Miss Helen Little, of
Minneapolis, to Irvin Salzer, son of
Mr. and Mrs. George Salzer, of Min-
neapolis, on Tuesday, December
28th. Kenneth Salzer, of this city,
a cousin of the groom, will assist at
the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Waite have
returned to their home at Fairmont,
Minn., after a visit with Mrs. Waite's
sister, Mrs. Frank E. Davis.

Mrs. D. D. Goodrich, who left
some time ago for Fort Worth,
Texas, is in the city for a few days
to dispose of her household goods.
While here she is a guest of Mrs.
F. H. Hess, 215 North Seventh
street.

Miss Rippe, of Fairmont, Minn., is
a guest of Mrs. Robert Johnson,
Judge and Mrs. E. C. Raymond of
Newcastle, Wyoming, are in the city
for an extended visit. They are the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bray-
ton, 1924 Cass street, and will also
visit relatives at La Crescent.

MRS. MARSHAL BETTER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 13.—
The final word that being with Mrs.
Marshall during her illness was more
important to him than the opening
of congress. Vice President Marshall
boarded a Pullman with Mrs. Mar-
shall last night. Mrs. Marshall has
recovered. They were due to arrive
in Washington at 1:05 this after-
noon. Mr. Marshall said he had been
separated from Mrs. Marshall only
one day during their twenty years
of married life.

PLAN POULTRY SHOW

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 13.—The
Wisconsin State Poultry association
will hold its annual state poultry ex-
hibit in this city December 30 to
January 2. Many fine premiums and
cash awards are being offered to ex-
hibitors. The association has decid-
ed to return to the score card judg-
ing system.

DEATH IS SUDDEN

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 13.—Bernard
Stegge, a resident of the city for thir-
ty-five years, dropped dead at the
railroad station. Death was due to
heart trouble.

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ALLIES REPORTED RETREATING OVER GREEK FRONTIER

Two More Towns Evacuated
While Battle Comes
Near to Greek
Soil

GREECE NOT TO OPPOSE?

It Is Reported Constantine
Will Not Attempt to
Prevent Bulgar
Follow-up

SALONIKA, Dec. 13.—A satis-
factory agreement was reached
today by the Anglo-French
and Greek military authorities.
It calls for the free movement of
the expeditionary forces be-
tween Salonika and the Greek
frontier, the zone through which
the allies are retreating.

BERLIN, via Wireless to Say-
ville, Dec. 13.—The conquest of
Serbia has been completed. The
Anglo-French forces have been
driven completely from Serbia
soil.

ATHENS, Dec. 13.—Anglo-French
troops have been retreating across
the Greek frontier since early Sat-
urday, according to information re-
ceived by the Greek military authori-
ties today.

Griegel and Doiran have been
evacuated by the allies. The retreat
of the expeditionary forces was be-
ing covered yesterday by artillery
forces and machine gun contingents
stationed only a few miles across the
Greek border.

Salonika dispatches said the battle
was drawing closer to the Serbo-
Greek border every hour. They said
it was understood that no opposi-
tion would be offered by Greek mili-
tary authorities if the advancing Bul-
gars crossed into Greece and contin-
ued the onslaught against the Anglo-
French rear guard.

After beating back a wave of at-
tacking Bulgars that rolled up
against their lines all day Saturday,
the British north of Lake Doiran
were forced to fall back to their sec-
ond line. They rallied and were hold-
ing up the enemy's advance in a vi-

lent struggle when the last informa-
tion was received at Salonika. They
were greatly outnumbered, howev-
er, and their retreat to Greek soil
was said to be only a matter of
hours.

As on Thursday and Friday the
British were subjected to the heav-
iest assaults in Saturday's fighting.
The Bulgars made repeated attempts
to break the British line and sur-
round small detachments. Two as-
saults against the British front cost
the attacking forces 8,000 men in
killed and wounded.

FOND DU LAC IS HOPING

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 13.—
The presence in the city of architects
and engineers leads to the belief
that the Chicago and Northwestern
road is planning to build an entirely
new station costing about \$50,000.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to flush Kidneys
if Back hurts or Bladder
bothers.

If you must have your meat every
day, eat it, but flush your kidneys
with salts occasionally, says a noted
authority who tells us that meat
forms uric acid which almost para-
lyzes the kidneys in their efforts to
expel it from the blood. They be-
come sluggish and weaken, then you
suffer with a dull misery in the kid-
ney region, sharp pains in the back
or sick headache, dizziness, your
stomach sours, tongue is coated and
when the weather is bad you have
rheumatic twinges. The urine gets
cloudy, full of sediment, the channels
often get sore and irritated, obliging
you to seek relief two or three times
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flush off the body's urinous waste
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Irvine's Jewelry Store Closes For Funeral

OWING to the death of
W. T. Irvine, Irvine's
Jewelry Store, 429 Main
street, will remain closed
Monday and Tuesday.

George Irvine



Col. Robert M. Thompson.

Col. Robert M. Thompson, presi-
dent of the U. S. Navy League, is a
prominent figure at Washington
these days, where he is putting up a
fight for increased naval prepared-
ness.

DANIELS FOLLOWS WILSON POLICY IN RECOMMENDATIONS

He Would Spend More Than \$500,000,000 in Five Years on Construction Alone

ADDS TO BOARD'S AMOUNT

Urges Expenditure of \$217,652,174 During Next Year for All Branches

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, in making public his annual report to the president recommending that \$500,000,000 be spent in the next five years for warship construction—maintenance of the navy and its personnel not included—reveals himself as an ardent apostle of the president's preparedness program.

For the first time in the history of the navy department, according to Daniels, a secretary of the navy has added to the amount asked by the general board of the navy. Hitherto secretaries of the navy have pruned the estimates. In some instances they almost eliminated them.

Urges Vital Changes
Not only does Mr. Daniels recommend a program that at the end of five years will make the United States the possessor of a fairly large and well-balanced navy but he urges other matters that have been neglected in the past, but which the European war has revealed as vital.

He urges the expenditure of \$25,000,000 for reserve supplies of ammunition, without which a \$20,000,000 battleship is so much junk; he urges a change in the system of promotion in the navy so that younger men of ability may get to the top more quickly; he asks for money to build up a real hydroaeroplane service with the navy, and he offers plans to make the navy more attractive to young Americans so that they may not have ships without men.

Defends Big Expenditure
The full total of the navy budget for the next year is \$217,652,174, all but \$132,280,947 of which will go for ships now under construction or to be authorized. The remainder is for the increased personnel and general running expenses of the navy, afloat and ashore.

"In comparison with the enormous expenditures abroad," the secretary writes, "the large expenditures necessary if our fleet is to be able to enforce American policies. The lesson of the European war warns us that it is better to spend money in times of peace for preparation than to run the risk, however remote, of sorely wanting ships and munitions if suddenly needed."

DEMOCRATS FOUND WANTING ASSERTS REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The republican national committee meets here tomorrow. It will choose a convention city, fix a date, and adjourn, the committee men say, confidently awaiting November, 1916, and a verdict against democracy.

There was more than the usual pro-campaign buoyancy among the party chieftains today. It was more than a definite hope, National Chairman Charles D. Hilles summoned up the conviction among his colleagues in this metaphorical passage:

"The democratic party has been tried before the bar of public opinion and convicted. The verdict will be a four year vacation—and the corrective measure which the people will apply will be four years of republicanism."

MOULDERS STRIKE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 13.—From 1100 to 1500 moulders, members of the iron moulders union, struck today in sixty to seventy foundries in Pittsburgh and vicinity, Valentine Barie, business agent of the Pittsburgh Conference Board of Moulders, told the United Press this morning. The men demand an eight hour day at the present rate for nine hours, which is \$4 a day.

BROWNS WHILE SKATING

GRANTSBURG, Wis., Dec. 13.—Walter Sorrell, who drowned while skating on Wood lake, was buried on Sunday at the former home in Osceola. The young man and his sister managed a farm. They were skating with a party when the ice gave way. He was not missed until the party reached home.



A scene from "My Madonna" featuring Mme. Petrova at the Casino today and Tuesday.

PASSENGER RATES BOOST IS ALLOWED ON WESTERN ROADS

Ten Million Dollars a Year Added to Revenue of Railways by Decision of I. C. C. Saturday

RATE OF 2.4 CENTS APPROVED

Decision Is Based Upon Increases in Costs of Labor and Operation and Raise in Taxes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Earnings of railroads in western territory will be increased by an amount estimated here at from \$10,000,000 to twice that amount a year, as a result of the decision of the interstate commerce commission Saturday in what is known as the western passenger rate cases. The cases are complementary to the western freight advance cases recently decided by the commission and the decision disposes of the second part of the question whether the railroads were entitled to advanced rates on freight and passenger business.

In the passenger rate cases, decided today the roads proposed to increase their rates 1/2 cent from the 2 cents a mile basis prescribed in such state as Minnesota, and the 3 cents a mile basis permitted in other states. The proposed increase was found not to be justified but smaller advances were approved.

Commissioner H. C. Hall dissented but filed no written opinion.

What Decision Provides

A summary of the decision follows: First—In Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, north of Missouri river, and in Kansas on and north of main line of the Union Pacific railroad from Kansas to the Colorado state line, proposed increased fares not justified, but a basis for interstate fares of 2.4 cents per mile is justified.

Second—In Missouri south of the Missouri river, and in Kansas south of the main line of the Union Pacific railroad, proposed increased fares not justified, but a basis for interstate fares of 2.6 cents per mile is justified.

Sections three and four refuse increases in southwestern states, but allow a boost to 2 1/2 cents a mile on mileage tickets in Missouri and Kansas.

Fifth—Proposed increased fares from points in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas to points in states east thereof, which result from the construction of such fares by the use of the bases herein found reasonable and the use of the lawfully published and filed fares in eastern territory are justified.

Increased Expenses Shown

The decision was based on a careful analysis of the situation which showed:

First—An increase in the ration of operating expenses to operating revenues between 1901 and 1914.
Second—Increased cost of labor.
Third—A rising scale of taxes.
Fourth—A diminished compensation for service as measured by the average return per ton mile or the average return per passenger mile in 1914 as against the average return received in 1901.

The railroads may put the rates allowed into effect at any time after Dec. 29 by filing five days' notice with the commission and for the public.

THREE MILLION REPORTED UNDER RECRUITING FLAG

LONDON, Dec. 13.—That at least 3,000,000 men have answered Lord Derby's call for volunteers was the report in official circles today following the close of England's greatest recruiting campaign.

SUPPOSED VICTIM SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Miss Jeanette Gibson, 19-year-old choirleader, at first believed to have been killed by a speeding motorist who failed to stop, in reality leaped to her death from the roof of her home in Brooklyn, according to an eye-witness story the police were investigating today.

SLAYER SOUGHT

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 13.—Pittsburgh police today are seeking the murderer of Mrs. Caroline Vierer, wealthy widow, who was slain early Sunday at her country home near Ingomar.



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WELL-KNOWN PILOT OF UPPER RIVER ON LAST JOURNEY

David C. Dillon Who Was First Steamboat Builder in This City Dies at Home This Morning

David Charles Dillon, a familiar figure on the river in the old rafting days, and the first steamboat builder in La Crosse, died at 6:50 this morning at his home, 1221 Pine street. Mr. Dillon was 73 years old. Until the past summer, despite his age, Mr. Dillon has spent each season in the pilot-house of a river boat. His services have been in demand for his intimate acquaintance with the upper river. The past season he operated boats in the vicinity of Galena.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 26, 1913.

Forty-five years of the aged pilot's life were spent in La Crosse. He was a native of Wisconsin, having been born in Lancaster August 5, 1842.

Mrs. Dillon survives him, together with six sons and a daughter, Mrs. Cynthia K. Berger of La Crosse. The sons are Joseph J. Dillon, Chicago; E. H. Dillon, Rock Island, Ill.; J. A. Dillon, Milwaukee; M. L. Dillon, St. Paul; G. D. Dillon, Minneapolis, and E. G. Dillon, also of Minneapolis.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

COMMUNICATION TO VIENNA COUCHED IN STRONG WORDS

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manity by shelling and torpedoing the Ancona before the persons on board had been put in a place of safety or even given sufficient time to leave the vessel. The conduct of the commander can only be characterized as a wanton slaughter of defenseless non-combatants since at the time when the vessel was shelled and torpedoed, it was not, it appears, resisting or attempting to escape; and no other reason is sufficient to excuse such an attack, not even the possibility of rescue.

"The United States is forced, therefore, to conclude either that the commander of the submarine acted in violation of his instructions or that the imperial and royal government failed to issue instructions to the commanders of the submarine in accordance with the laws of nations and the principles of humanity. The United States is unwilling to believe the latter alternative and to credit the Austro-Hungarian government with an intention to permit its submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children. It prefers to believe that the commander of the submarine committed this outrage without authority and contrary to the general or special instructions which he had received.

Indemnity is demanded

"As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States can not be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government denounce the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefensible act that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished, and that reparation be made for the citizens of the United States who were killed by the attack on the vessel. "The government of the United States expects that the Austro-Hungarian government, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its demands promptly and it rests this expectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhuman and barbarous, which is abhorrent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of innocent American citizens."

How Germany will advise Austria to answer the Ancona note—the sharpest communication the United States has sent to any belligerent—was the big question officials considered today.

On the answer depends whether long diplomatic negotiations must

BRYAN AND PEACE ADVOCATES BUTT OF GRIDIRON SKIT

Chief Number on Program Is Satiric Sketch Poking Fun at William Jennings and Supporters

AUDIENCE IS DISTINGUISHED GROUP

President Attends with Cabinet Officials and High Officers of Army and Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The opponents of preparedness, especially William Jennings Bryan, were thoroughly "roasted," or broiled, by the famous Gridiron club Saturday night. President Wilson was there. So were the members of the cabinet, high officials of the army and navy, Democratic and republican statesmen and famous men from all over the country.

"Saccharine Soldier"

The fun reached its height when the club put on a musical skit, "The Saccharine Soldier". The cast was made up of Mr. Bryan, Gen. Gumdrops, Col. Caramel, Maj. Marshmallow, Capt. Candy, Lieut. Licorice, Sergeant Sugarplum, Private Peppermint, and a few "apostles of melody and sobriety," all impersonated by members of the club.

As they entered the announcement was made:

"This is merely a demonstration that the millennium have come. Under our noble leader here (indicating Bryan) we have determined that there will be no more war, no more fighting, and no more gobbling up of little fishes by big ones. Everybody is to be sweet and nice to everybody else."

The president of the club—but you seem to have some soldiers.

Bryan—They are simply exhibits of a barbarian age. They are not fighters. They are too proud to fight. Gen. Gumdrops, have you issued the orders for the day?

Gen. Gumdrops—Yes, sir. When we see the enemy we are to shake hands with him and say: "God bless you."

"Ammunition" in Plenty

Bryan—That's right, Lieut. Licorice, drop that's the ammunition?

Lieut. Licorice—We have three rounds of chocolate creams, fourteen wagon loads of peppermint, two barrels of cocoanut taffy, six pea shooters and one dough mixer.

Bryan—Col. Caramel, will you give us the song of the regiment?

Col. Caramel's first verse was: We are nice little playing soldier-

men, We are just sweet and charming.

We would not go to fighting, when it would be most alarming.

We are nice little sugary soldiermen, We ought to be in dresses.

Where'er we go we meet the foe With speeches and caresses.

Too Late to Start

Bryan—You are men after my own heart. I have never yet led anybody to victory and it's too late to begin now.

Sergeant Sugarplum—Say, Mr. Bryan, how can you advocate peace and fight the administration?

Lieut. Licorice—He ain't fighting—he's only talking.

Munitions Are Captured

First soldier—We have suffered a great loss. All our chewing gum has been captured by a girls' school. Second soldier—I have to report that two wagon loads of chatauqua contracts have been destroyed.

Bryan—War certainly is hell!

Gen. Gumdrops—Mry Bryan, where is your sword? You once were a soldier.

Bryan—True, I was a soldier—but no more. I'm through.

Message From Ford

The guests were hardly seated when the wireless flashed the following message from Henry Ford's peace ship:

"ON BOARD THE GOOD SHIP OSCAR II.—We had for breakfast, grapefruit, cereal, lamb chops, etc. Mr. Ford is a good provider."

Then a platoon of rookies entered, each in a different costume, and placarded Theodore Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Secretary Garrison, Gen. Wood, William J. Bryan and others. Each was quizzed. Bryan was asked:

"What branch of the service do you wish to enter?"

"The hospital corps."

"You surprise me. Can you drive an ambulance?"

"Maybe I could. I've usually been a passenger."

The patriotism of the club was manifested when the entire membership sang a song to the president:

"We take our stand back of you, Mr. Wilson."

THEY HAD A SCARE

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Eight consecutive explosions today at the plant of the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery company, raised visions of an army of hyphenated plotters in the minds of guards. It was learned that the shots were to hasten a fleeing chicken thief, and not to frighten the war contracts away.

be endured; and whether Austria will yield at all.

German diplomats have practically admitted advising Austria in the situation thus far and the advice has been that Austria should yield to the United States. However, that was before it was known the United States planned such a note—that its message was to be a demand.

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PROGRESSIVES GET CHOICE BERTHS ON HOUSE COMMITTEES

Poindexter Placed as Chairman of Committee on Interstate Commerce

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Old line republicans mollified progressive republicans and the lone progressive Poindexter, with some of the choicest committee assignments in stock today.

As a result the radicals who had been put in fighting mood by the steering committee's refusal to give Senator Kenyon a place on the foreign relations committee were restored to good humor.

Among new assignments were:

Poindexter, interstate commerce; Clapp, Philippines; Norris, banking and currency; Works, judiciary; Gronna, banking and currency.

Borah and Cummins retained their places on judiciary and interstate commerce.

Other promotions were:

Appropriations—Townsend and Curtis; claims, Harding, Gronna, Catron, and Wadsworth; coast defense, Harding; commerce, Harding, Jones, Lippett, Kenyon and Sherman; District of Columbia, Sterling; foreign relations, Brandegee and Oliver; immigration, Goff and Sterling; intercoastal canals, Cummins, Bolt, and Goff; military affairs, Weeks; mines and mining, Sterling (replaces "Switzerland"); naval affairs, Fall; Philippines, Clapp, Fall, and Burleigh; post offices, Townsend; McLean; public health, Townsend; public buildings and grounds, Fall and Wadsworth; territories, Harding; transportation of meat products, Harding.

W. T. IRVINE DIES AT FAMILY HOME ILL FOUR YEARS

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interment will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

William Thomas Irvine was born in LaPorte, Ind., Aug. 5, 1858, son of John William Irvine and Ellen Maria Irvine, of whom the former was born in Bangor, Me., and the latter in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

At the age of eighteen years Mr. Irvine became a resident of South Bend, Ind., where he completed an apprenticeship in the jewelry craft, and in 1878 he removed to Cresco, Ia., where after conducting a jewelry department for Dr. Price for a short time, he established himself in business.

November 26, 1880, Mr. Irvine married Adeline Barnes Peck of Cresco, and to the union two children were born: E. Eastman Irvine, now a member of the New York World staff, and George Gurney Irvine, of this city, for a number of years associated with his father in the Irvine jewelry store, 423 Main street.

Comes to La Crosse

In 1883 Mr. Irvine removed to this city, in the mercantile history of which he has grown to be an important factor. He first established a jewelry department in the old Trade Palace, located on the site of the present Park Store. From here he shortly moved to the old McMillan Opera House, then located where the "Dairy Lunch Rooms" are now situated, and somewhat later he seized an opportunity to secure the corner location in the old Brick Pomroy building, on the ground just vacated by the Hell Shoe store, Fourth and Main street corner of the Linder block. From here Mr. Irvine again removed, going into the floor of the Batavian Bank building then shared by John Ulrich's stationary establishment. It was in 1892 that Mr. Irvine abandoned this stand and opened up in the west half of his present store building, the other portion of which was occupied by the John Deitz cigar business.

Strong Business Factor

During all these years the Irvine jewelry business had enjoyed a steady growth, to which the integrity and pleasing personality of its founder much contributed, and several years ago it absorbed the entire store building, which was remodeled to meet its expanding demands. The last important business move of Mr. Irvine, an enterprise in which he found pride and enjoyment, was completed but a few weeks since when the new store front and modern display windows, to the scientific lighting of which the proprietor

SHEPHERD VISITS MESSINA RUINS ON WAY TO SALONICA

City Was Destroyed in Very Few Seconds by Earthquake Seven Years Ago

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

MESSINA, Italy, Oct. 27. (By mail.)—"I'll help you catch your boat," says a huge Italian with an American hat, American shoes, big blue spectacles and a tendency to New York slang. "You're going to Salonic, huh?"

"We've got half a day to catch the boat. We don't need a guide."

"Well, half a day ain't enough without me. You've got to go to the police, to the custom's office, to the military police and then to the harbor police, all in two hours, before you will be permitted to sail."

What's the use? We hire him.

The ruins of Messina, which was rattled to pieces in forty-seven seconds one June morning seven years ago, line the coast and run back up the slopes of the low Sicilian mountains.

Very few citizens are rebuilding. New skeletons are coming to light every day, for over 40,000 human beings were shaken into eternity that morning. Most of the new buildings are of wood and one-story, roughly built in Klondike style.

Messina might be a '47 mining camp in California.

We get into a rickety carriage and go to a frame shack for our steamer tickets. Then we ride another mile through the ruins that line the beach, to the local police station to have our passports signed.

Then it's a third mile to the military police. Two or three Italian officials must sign our passports at every place; strange assortments of letters and numbers are put on our papers with rubber stamps.

All this is because we are going to leave Italy; because we are journalists going to Greece; because—well, just because. Europe is full of little offices where little officers sit, doing just such things.

At last we get into a row boat with our baggage and start with our guide for the Italian liner that lies in the bay.

"That man you bought your tickets of is my father," says the guide. "Yes?"

"He represents the Italian steamship line in Messina."

"Yes?"

"I wouldn't ride on that boat to Greece for a bag full of gold."

"Why not? Sea sickness?"

"Sea sickness nothing. Submarines. Two ships of this company have been blown up on the way to Greece from Messina. Honest, you couldn't get me on that boat."

"By golly, you fellows got nerve," says the guide whose father sold us the tickets. "Remember, I told you. God bless you. I wish I knew how you come through it. My father couldn't refuse to sell the tickets. He's the agent. He couldn't tell you. But I can. By golly, not for me on that boat."

You pay him twice as much as he asks, just to get him to shut up. It's sundown, by now. As he rows towards shore, he waves his arms, shouts good-bye and even throws a kiss at us, as if he fully expects never to see us again.

He won't, either, if we see him first.

SECURES LONG LEASE

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Dec. 13.—R. R. Williams, secretary of the Central Wisconsin Fair association, has secured a lease for a term of fifty years on the property on which the fair grounds is located at Marshfield.

had devoted considerable study, were finished.

His Personality

The personality of Mr. Irvine made a deep impression upon all who knew him. Beneath a pleasant sort of reserve he entertained a deep "human interest" in all the life about him, and he was deeply devoted to his family. He was a lover of nature, and was given to long walks in the hills. The pistol which he carried—he was a "crack shot"—was for, inanimate targets, never for living things. Flowers he loved, but would not pluck, and it is because he wanted them always rooted to their soil that the family have expressed the desire that flowers shall be omitted from the attentions of friends and neighbors.

War Office News of Fighting

PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 13.—German troops exploded a mine in front of the French trenches of Mesnil Hill, in the Champagne last night, the war office reported this afternoon, but French troops immediately occupied the pit dug by the explosion. No other developments of importance were mentioned in the official communiqué.

BERLIN

BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville, Dec. 13.—Russian troops operating in the Riga region have captured a German post, it was officially admitted this afternoon, but it was stated the captured position was unimportant.

WAS GIRL CAUGHT HERE LEADER OF THE BANK RAID?

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was Skinner, took a room by the week and disappeared at the time of the robbery of the Western State bank.

Mrs. Trumble last night was not absolutely certain of her identification.

Denies Any Knowledge

In her answers to questions put to her by J. P. Ryan, assistant county attorney, Mrs. Skinner denied that she knew anything of the plans of the robbery of the Western State bank. She denied that money found in her trunk was put there by her or that she knew of its having been found there by the authorities until she read of it in the newspapers Saturday.

Tells of Marriage

The statement of Mrs. Skinner and her husband regarding their married relations conflicted. The woman stated she married Skinner two years ago at Cleveland, that the ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace in his office and that a bell-boy and his wife were the witnesses. She told of tearing and burning the certificate later, following a fight with Skinner.

His Common Law Wife

Skinner, also put through an examination by Mr. Ryan, told the authorities that he never had married the woman legally, that he had been her common law husband for eight months, which was practically as long as he had known her.

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STEVENS POINT, Wis., Dec. 13.—Those who signed the guarantee fund raised to get Mme. Montessori to come here to conduct classes will have to pay the bills. The Mme. returned to Europe and disappointed residents of Stevens Point will have to pay for advertising the course that never will be given.

Her eyes were not exactly straight, and someone commented upon it and asked long if he had noticed it. "Noticed it, man!" he replied. "Why, she is so cross-eyed that recently when I sat next to her at a dinner she ate off my plate."



WISCONSIN NOTED FOR CHEER SHOWN AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Celebration of Yuletide Has Been an Outstanding Feature in State's History

(By Frederick Merk, Wisconsin Historical Society.)

Christmas has always been a day of merriment and good cheer in Wisconsin. In our modern times its celebration has become more elaborate, perhaps more genteel, than in the territorial period of our history. On the other hand it has lost much of the natural charm and picturesque quality that marked the day in the lives of our great-grandfathers. Green Bay in particular was the scene of rollicking good times three-quarters of a century ago, on the great winter holiday. Though lying in the midst of an interminable wilderness, and almost completely shut off from the outside world, its gay French and half breed inhabitants knew how to make the forest ring with the sound of their rejoicings. How they spent the day may be learned from volume seven of the Wisconsin Historical Collections.

"The holidays now approaching, Colonel McNeill (commander of the U. S. army post at Green Bay) learned that the French inhabitants were accustomed to make much of Christmas as a high festival. He at once determined on doing his part in these 'ends of the earth' and honoring the day. He issued invitations for a dinner at 4 o'clock, and a ball in the evening. A table was spread the length of the room, and plates laid for a hundred guests; the invitations extended to the whole population. French, half breeds and Americans—all were invited to share in the festivities and enjoy the feast. The hall was filled; the variety of costume would have engaged the study of an artist; belles and beaux, men and women, were attired in all the grades of dress, from the highest Parisian down to the buckskin coat, pants, petticoat and moccasins of the aborigines. Yet as no one of the elite thought himself over-dressed, so on the other hand, none of the citizens, French or half breeds, reproached themselves with the least want of etiquette, or of intended disrespect to their host, on account of costume.

It would be impossible to do justice to the courses of the dinner; suffice it to say that for variety and rarity of dishes it equaled any of a similar occasion in more civilized climes. The dishes were largely made up of game. There was venison, bear meat and porcupine, a dozen varieties of the feathered tribes from the waters, as geese and ducks; and of fishes, an almost endless list, headed by that king of all the fish tribe, the sturgeon. Nor did the guests fail to bring the best of sauce to the colonel's entertainment—excellent appetites; and good nature joined to the good cheer, made this rousing Christmas dinner one long to be remembered. This happy company rose from the table at 6 o'clock, and dancing commenced soon after. The revelry lasted to the "small hours, but all retired in good order, heartily blessing the kind generosity of Colonel McNeill.

Thus did this big-hearted man of war delight to transform the outpost of the western wild, hitherto in its winters especially a place of desolation, solitude, ennui, and almost despair to one of unalloyed happiness, animated life and real pleasure.

In the midst of such gaieties, the French and half breeds, who were nearly all pious Catholics, did not forget that Christmas is primarily a religious holiday. How the day was spent on Mackinac Island is related in volume fourteen of the Wisconsin Historical Collections.

"Some weeks before Christmas, the denizens of the island met in turn at each other's homes and read the prayers, chanted the psalms, and unfailingly repeated the litany of the saints. On Christmas eve, both sexes would read and sing, the service lasting till midnight. After this, a reveillon (midnight treat) would be partaken of by all. This was considered the high feast of the season, and no pains were spared to make the meal as good as the island afforded.

"Christmas was observed as a holy day. The children were kept at home, and from play until nearly nighttime, when they would be allowed to run out and bid their friends a 'Merry Christmas,' spending the evening, however, at home with the family, the service of prayer and song being observed. All would sing; there was no particular master—it was the sentiment that was so pleasing to us; the music we did not care so much for."

Thus with feasting, dancing, song and appropriate religious exercises did our forefathers observe the Christmas holiday in the day when Wisconsin was still a wilderness, inhabited for the most part by the painted Indians.

An ignorant man is usually ignorant of the fact that he is ignorant.

SALONICA SUNSET NOTED FOR COLOR SAYS SHEPHERD

The Diversity of Tongues and Customs Is Seen in Evening Demise of Old Sol

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
SALONICA, Nov. 2.—(By mail.)—The sun goes down like an explosion in a paint factory in this part of the world.

All the mixtures of tongues and uniforms and ships and flags of the various armies and navies centering in Salonica are not in greater contrast than the melange of color which fills the evening skies as the sun sinks nightly behind the peak of Olympus where the Greek gods lived and played.

Even greater than the variety of color in the city or the sky is the variety of opinion in the cafes when the thousands of men of many races gather with the lighting of the evening lamps to talk over what the future holds.

There are Germans here; they didn't move away when the allied armies came. Salonica is as much an ally headquarters as the headquarters in France, but the Germans haven't departed because Greece is neutral.

The Germans are sure that, sweeping past us 400 miles to the north, the German hordes are pouring through Serbia toward Turkey. Some of them think that the time is not far distant when the Germans will be in Salonica, too.

Then what will these British and French do? Where will they run to? But you don't hear Germans talking this way, loudly. Its among themselves they say such things, in their own cafes.

Englishmen are divided. Most of them are glad the allies came to Greece, others say it was a mistake.

Why won't Italy send an army to help us in Serbia? asks a Frenchman. "She could easily send 100,000 men. She ought to do as much as the allies, for her future is at stake."

"But Italy isn't fighting Germany. She's fighting Austria, and she's going to put up such a stiff fight on the Italian frontier that the Austrians will have to withdraw troops from Serbia to keep the Italians back," explains an Italian newspaper correspondent.

Turks, in their red fezzes, sit in the same cafes in Salonica with English officers fresh from the Turkish fighting in the Dardanelles. Two weeks ago the Englishman was popping away with his rifle at every fez he saw. Today he passes them as placidly as if peace had been declared.

Indeed, it is a sort of peace that you see in Salonica, a peace of shooting but not of thinking. Bullets don't fly, but opinions do. All the different opinions held in every corner of the world regarding the World War may be found here in this city of 185,000 persons and every evening after the sun has set the pace with his riot of color in the Olympian sky, the occupants of the old Greek city fill, with their riot of opinion, the Salonica cafes.

Tension in Atmosphere
Through it all there's a tension in the atmosphere. Serbian refugees are in the city from Belgrade, Nish and Uskub. They are living reminders of that cyclone of war that is raging to the north of us.

Will that cyclone sweep past Greece and leave it unharmed? Or will the Germans come down to Salonica? And if they come shall we people of the city flee as the Serbians have done?

Or will the Greeks go with the Germans and try to drive the allied armies out of Greece? All the men of Greece are mobilized; you can see them digging trenches along the Aegean sea as you come toward Salonica.

Will the Grecian king give the word to his army to fight the allies, the queen of Greece, you know—his wife—is a sister of the kaiser of Germany, and the king's word is law, now that all the men of Greece are no longer mere citizens but have become soldiers.

Speculation Rife
Or perhaps the Greeks may go with the allies; is that possible? Will they try a dash into Bulgaria? Or will the Bulgarians try a dash at Salonica, this city where Bulgarians and Greeks fought one whole night through the streets, three years ago with the result that Salonica over night became a Greek city, while the Bulgarians fled?

All of these questions you hear discussed in the excited cafes of Salonica, these warm, semi-oriental nights. Just now all the questions that the world is asking about what is going to happen in the neighborhood of Salonica are being asked in Salonica itself. The folks here don't know any more than the folks in New York.

But will the answer be any more important to them, near as they are to the scene, than it will be to New York? What happens in the Balkans, within the next few weeks, may send tidal waves to the ends of the earth and to the ends of human history.

CREDITORS GET 2 PER CENT
RACINE, Wis., Dec. 13.—Creditors of the Racine Iron and Metal company will receive only 2 per cent on their claims. Morris Fox, president of the concern, says it cost him \$250,000 to fight a charge of arson in Chicago. The concern owes the defunct Commercial and Savings bank \$273,523 and Charles Carpenter, the cashier, \$143,609.

Sympathy is wasted on the man who goes through life on the principle that the cherry is the best part of the cocktail.

SPORT NEWS

CAMP DID AS WAS EXPECTED IN HIS "ALL-AMERICAN"

Eastern "Expert" Passes Up Buck of Wisconsin and Picks Abell of Colgate

Walter Camp, that well known "expert" of the east, has picked an All-American football team. That is, he has attempted to. His selections, in most cases, will meet with the approval of western football followers, but in the case he erred in the opinion of local fans. He passed up Buck of Wisconsin for the tackle position as a running mate to Gilman of Harvard and picked Abell of Colgate, who, by the way, is a Portage boy.

Just what prompted the easterner to disregard all opinion west of the Alleghenies it will be hard to solve. Buck was placed on the national mythical eleven unanimously until camp came along with his "selection." Possibly if Buck had been in the east he would have been picked.

Buck, it is known to all, was the outstanding feature of the Badger team this year. Eckersall of Chicago, who knows probably as much about the game as does Camp, was all praise for the Badger. So were others.

Abell's name was seldom heard except when mentioned as captain. He played tackle on a balanced eleven, which team could not be applied to the Wisconsin aggregation of 1915. Colgate beat Yale. That may explain why he was picked.

Anyway, here are Camp's selections:

First Eleven
EndBuston, Minnesota
TackleGilman, Harvard
GuardSpears, Dartmouth
CenterPeck, Pittsburgh
GuardSchlacher, Syracuse
TackleAbell, Colgate
EndShelton, Cornell
QuarterBarrett, Cornell
Half backKing, Harvard
Half backMacomber, Illinois
Full backMahon, Harvard

Second Eleven
EndHerron, Pittsburgh
TackleBuck, Wisconsin
GuardHogg, Princeton
CenterCool, Cornell
GuardBlack, Yale
TackleVandegraaf, Alabama
EndWatson, Harvard
QuarterTibbott, Princeton
Half backOliphant, West Point
Full backTalman, Rutgers

Third Eleven
EndHeyman, Wash. and Jeff
TackleCody, Vanderbilt
GuardDadmun, Harvard
CenterMcEwan, West Point
GuardTaylor, Auburn
TackleWeyand, Army
EndSquier, Illinois
QuarterRussell, Chicago
Half backAbraham, Oregon A.
Half backMayer, Virginia
Full backBerryman, Penn State

KONETCHY TENTH AMONG BATTERS OF FEDERAL LEAGUE

Eddie Has Average of .310 for 152 Games; He Scored a Total of 79 Runs in Season

Eddie Konetchy, high light of La Crosse in the majors, stands tenth among Federal league batters, according to the averages received today. Eddie, out of 578 times at bat, garnered a total of 179 hits for an average of .310. He played in 152 games and scored a total of 79 runs or better than one for each two games. His errors mounted up to 66.

Of Eddie's 179 bingles, 31 of them were two baggers, 18 triples and 10 home runs. He sacrificed sixteen times and gathered in a total of 29 stolen bases. He walked forty times while he was retired on strikes 52 times.

Old Doc Watson, former La Crosse hurler, is nominal head of the batters with an average of .396. He figured in only 48 times at bat, however. Benny Kauf, slugger, in 136 games averaged .344 and is the real leader of the league. Lee Magee is third with .330 while Fischer of the Whales brings up in fourth place with .326.

Brooklyn led in club batting with .266.

Club	Batting	W.	L.	AB	H	Pct.
Brooklyn	.79	82	5,036	1,339	266	
Pittsburgh	.86	67	5,039	1,315	261	
St. Louis	.87	67	5,152	1,341	260	
Chicago	.86	66	5,123	1,325	259	
Newark	.89	72	5,092	1,287	253	
Buffalo	.74	78	5,069	1,259	248	
Baltimore	.47	107	5,046	1,232	244	
Kansas City	.81	72	4,940	1,199	243	

WELLING AND AD FURNISH FASTIME FOR GOTHAM FANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Mr. Fight Fan today shut his eyes and opened his mouth for a big dose of the slambang game carded for the coming week. Boxers went into dry dock last week during the six day bike race, but the wheel event over the sport light gleamed on the jabs of a flock of fighters and the jests of their managers.

The big show of the week is the Golagast-Cross affair, a ten round scrap Friday night. Nearly as much interest attaches to the semi-windup of the card wherein Joe Welling and Young Brown will throw gloves at each other. They are lightweights.

Joe Mandot, the New Orleans barker boy and Benny Leonard, a New Yorker also clash in a ten round meeting on the same bill.

"But I can see his hat hanging in the hall," Servant—"Well, what's that got to do with it? One of my dresses is hanging on the line in the back garden, but I'm not there!"

THE BEST 5c SMOKES DENGLER'S BEST

INTERNATIONALS LOOK TO NATIONALS FOR DIAMOND AID

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—International league magnates today lived over again the course of their threadbare 1915 season and awaited the coming tomorrow of their big brothers, the National leaguers. Times were exceedingly bad in the Barrow circuit last year and the season was fraught with prospects of circuit alterations.

Garry Herrmann of the Reds was the first of the big leaguers to bloom on Boardway for the National league meeting, and others were arriving today.

Peace plans, a few trades and the question of whether Charley Herzog shall continue as manager of Herrmann's Rhinelanders are expected to be the main considerations of the National league confab, and Barney Dreyfuss is expected to name a successor to Fred Clarke as manager of the Pirates. Honus Wagner, according to Dreyfuss, won't take the job, desiring to end his diamond days with no risk to his prestige.

RUMORS OF SWAPS PRECEDE MEETING OF JUNIOR LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Rumors of big baseball trades were batted about today as American league moguls and managers flocked into town for the annual league meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Fritz Maisel of the New York Highlanders will go to the White Sox, according to one report which gives inside dope that the Yankees have landed Home Run Baker and therefore can let Maisel go. Ray Chapman of Cleveland was another mentioned as a possible White Sox.

Clark Griffith had his usual annexing desires. Grif would only care to get Janvrin of the Red Sox, Pratt and Shottin of St. Louis and a few others. Chick Gandil for Jack Fournier of the White Sox was a deal he was also anxious to put across, it was said.

Scheduled to arrive today were Colonel Rupert and Captain Huston, owners of the New York Yankees, and Manager Bill Donovan, Manager Rowland of the White Sox and Owner Powers of the Los Angeles, Pacific coast league club.

BRITISHER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Pine Grove has been sunk by a submarine. Twenty-two of her crew were saved.

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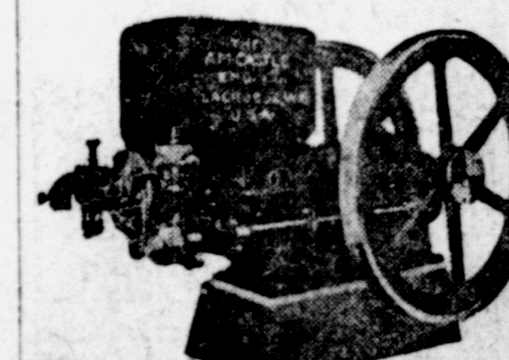
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John Buschman (A.) 1215 South 4th St.	39,230
Irene Branson (F. D.) 1232 Madison St.	59,285
Edward F. Burrow (E. E.) 421 Vine St.	90,880
Clyde Collins (B. C.) 1543 Charles St.	21,250
Silas Cooper (John) 723 So. 4th St.	11,835
William Castle (A. M.) 809 Ferry St.	7,350
Odis Chapman (M.) 1207 South 5th St.	30,140
June Dittman (C. A.) 1007 Vine St.	383,290
Joseph De George (J.) 2355 Prospect St.	50,980
Billy Eagon (P. M.) 1091 South 5th St.	95,950
Florence Emily Eagan (Walter) 1324 Jackson St.	69,650
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Marcelle Goldstein (H. W.) 323 No. 9th St.	52,160
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Marie Lola Iverson (P. J.) 142 S. 23d St.	209,665
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Raymond Johnson (A. V.) 1224 Madison St.	58,695
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Virginia Jolliwett (Chas.) 1127 Berlin St.	120,400
Nina L. Jaekel (E. H.) 1102 South 4th St.	170,160
Irene Rose Jamieson (Dr.) 412 North 5th St.	107,210
Betty L. Johns (Geo. A.) 1915 Morrice Coulee Road	91,110
Helen Johnson (J. H.) 1902 Charles St.	3,770
Mary Katherine Janssen (Christ) 1112 Winnebago St.	198,280
Evelyn Kujawa (M.) 828 South 5th St.	64,045
Agn. s Kuzasky (Michael) 812 Island St.	31,860
Dorothy May Kukolsky (P.) 1326 Mississippi St.	45,250
Harry Klawitter (Wm.) 821 South 5th St.	57,045
Fern Lunde (T.) 716 St. James Street	95,905
Leslie W. Leinbach (Dr.) 329 South 6th St.	109,640
Meral La Fleur (J.) 1832 Loomis St.	63,955
Jack Mitchell (C. C.) 818 Cass St.	45,370
Ruth Mueller (Frank) 1918 Pine St.	2,820
Myers Twins (Eugene) 1513 Avon street	123,460
Carl Arthur Michel (Chas.) 2228 Norman Coulee Road	46,380
Cordia E. Ness (Chas.) 1026 South 5th St.	72,920
Marton Grace Pedersen (Hjalmer) 386 Pearl St.	161,275
Robert O'Brien (J. H.) 327 North 10th St.	83,350
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Dorothy Mary Puent (J. R.) 21 Park avenue	121,915
Anna Winifred Packman (Harry) 111 North 12th street	12,620
Helen Putsch (Paul) 828 South 2nd St.	55,290
Pace Twins (Jos.) 1218 Park avenue	1,725
Evelyn Dorothy Pendleton (Roy) 515 Charles St.	70,950
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Ed. r C. Retzliff (Ernest) 2099 Loomis St.	143,975
Arnold Rauer (Nick) 1310 Adams St.	2,700
Jack Rooney (H. J.) 217 North 7th St.	373,540
Helen Gertrude Smith (J. E.) 1810 George St.	163,000
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Leona Subiek (Mrs. Lizzie) 911 So. Seventh St.	2,950
Elizabeth Schuelke (H. S.) 910 So. 17 St.	57,815
Shirley Strauss (Fred L.) 1436 Market St.	124,990
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Leona Scheltzack (Wm.) 516 N 14th St.	8,150
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Tanke Twins (Wm.) 414 Adams St.	116,955
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Stuart Torrance (W. J.) 1394 South 16th St.	42,125
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Vernon Tanke (Gust.) 1409 South 4th St.	14,010
Arleyn Grace Wisland (Gilbert) 1523 Berlin St.	71,445
Donald Wagner (J. P.) 1339 Market street	66,820
Vernon Weber (S. O.) 1307 Redfield St.	183,790
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Lawrence Hesselberg (Walter) Bangor, Route 3	39,640

Phyllis Sheldon (Mrs. Ann) Bangor, Wis.	31,930
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Lynn Gehrick (Earl) Fountain City, Wis.	55,750
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Kermit Swiggum (L. A.) Ferryville, Wis.	102,820
Effie Haggerty (Wm.) Ferryville, Wis.	18,000
Donald Grimsted (Jack) Ferryville, Wis.	22,725
Helen Kopp (Ernest) Galesville, Wis.	175,040
Verna Dean McKeeth (Carl) Galesville, Wis.	123,625
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Helen Smith (George) Galesville, Wis.	323,360
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Margaret Allen (A.) Sparta	91,760
John Patrick Dittman (J. P.) Sparta, Wis.	116,825
Eyrus Cobb McOmber (Roy) Sparta, Wis.	150,775
Earl Briggs (D. A. E.) Sparta, Wis.	187,255
Frank Bozart (F.) Sparta, Wis.	104,260
Anna Vera Baumbach (Wm. E.) Sparta, Wis.	107,675
Marion Van Wie (E. C.) Tomah, Wis.	381,540
Glen Griggs (Sam) R. F. D. No. 2, Tomah, Wis.	22,850
James Howard Keefe (Howard) Trempealeau, Wis.	164,175
Ruth Sandgren (N.) Trempealeau, Wis.	225,930
Adelaide Hermanson (Otto) Trempealeau, Wis.	47,425
Baby Stephens (Wm.) Trempealeau, Wis.	87,355
Agnes Marie Coyle (F. C.) Trempealeau, Wis.	22,805
Irene Dragan (Ed) Trempealeau, Wis.	33,325
Kenneth Drugan (W. J.) Trempealeau, Wis.	87,105
Edith Adams (D.) Victory, Wis.	124,275
Andrew Sallender (Chas.) R. F. D. No. 1, Victory, Wis.	37,950
Kenneth Potts (Louis) Viroqua, Wis.	49,695
Emma Minshall (Geo.) Viroqua, Wis.	76,025
Elaine Ristow (Alex) Viroqua, Wis.	21,620
Vincent Hawthorne (H. L.) Viola, Wis.	69,375
Ione Pierce (Art) West Salem, Wis.	148,625
Winton McEldowney (Wendell) West Salem, Wis.	227,845
Reuben Vonder Ohe (Adolph) West Salem, Wis.	63,975
Marie Hulberg (Theodore) R. F. D. No. 1, West Salem, Wis.	29,105
Carl Schneckpepper (Carl) West Salem, Wis.	42,890
Rudolph M. Lee (Math) West Salem, Wis.	77,710
Johnnie Shonsky (S.) West Salem, Wis.	1,600
Wilbur Bell (Lizzie)—West Salem, Wis.	213,985
Robert Shaanon (Fred V.) Westby	261,720
Alder Peterson (Gouman) Westby	31,470
DeVerne Hoff (Russell) Westby	31,080

Pauline Marie Grossman (George) Westby, Wis.	24,325
Marian Graves (Dr. L. S.) Wilton, Wis.	118,460
Margaret Hense (Earl) Whitehall, Wis.	63,705
Carrol DeBow (H. M.) Whitehall, Wis.	19,520

DISTRICT NO. 3.

States of Iowa and Minnesota

Beulah Catherine Bissen (Frank) Brownsville, Minn.	32,105
Georgina Lund (Martin) Brownsville, Minn.	63,120
Helen White (John) Brownsville, Minn.	29,250
Donald Zimmerhaki (Lee) Caledonia, Minn.	166,320
Claude Banaher (James) Caledonia, Minn.	10,325
Howard L. Wicket (F) Canton, Minn.	59,620
Raymond T. Soland (E. T.) Canton, Minn.	94,975
Theodore O. Halverson (S. E.) Canton, Minn.	24,210
Violet Roseth (Albert), Canton, Minn.	51,670
Bernice Staimbrook (C. H.) Canton, Minn.	27,940
Blancae Dickson (Robt.) Dresbach, Minn.	22,950
LeRoy Murray (Herbert) Dakota, Minn.	37,950
Florena Augusta Boldt (Rhine) Hokah, Minn.	39,725
Raymond Graf, (Chas., Jr.) Hokah, Minn.	35,725
Ruth Hoffman (G. H.) Hokah, Minn.	166,685
Alton Gustad (Paul) Houston, Minn.	187,795
Olive Chapel (Ben) Houston, Minn.	46,220
Alton Forsythe (Henry) Houston, Minn.	26,910
Odin Helmer Peterson (P. L.) Houston, Minn.	132,405
Ruth Gallagher (J) Houston, Minn.	205,890
Lyte E. Briggs (L. H.) Houston, Minn.	46,845
Audrey Thronson (C. E.) Houston, Minn.	122,165
terr A. Loken (A. H.) Houston, Minn.	9,325
Agnes Conway (Martin) R. 1, Harpers Ferry, Iowa	78,425
Jois A. Sevig (Dr. C.) Harmony, Minn.	46,210
Marion Abrahamson (A. G.) Harmony, Minn.	56,650
Alleen M. Roche (Ed) Harmony, Minn.	29,315
Elizabeth Powers (Ed) Harpers Ferry, Iowa	10,635
Joseph Calvey (Ed) Harpers Ferry, Iowa	143,370
Floyd Richie (W. H.) Lansing, Iowa	19,620
Everett Feuerhelm (Ben) Lansing, Iowa	15,825
Lucile Guider (Mat.) Lansing, Iowa Route 1	21,675
Rita Sullivan (W. H.) Lansing Iowa	35,650
Alton Severson (O. E.) Lansing, Iowa	45,210
Wilson Cooper (Stewart) Lansing, Iowa	64,275
Dolores Valley (Ed) Lansing, Ia.	13,050
Lillian Dammion (Joe) Lansing, Ia.	12,250
Verna A. Enger (A. M.) Lansboro, Minn.	121,425
Richard Scanlon (C. C.) Lansboro, Minn.	23,475
Bernice Kvernun (P. A.) Lansboro Minn.	64,250
Lucie Toomey (John) Lansboro, Minn.	107,650
Eileen Frances Humfeld (Herman) La Crescent, Minn.	192,325
LaVerne Beach (Mrs. Alma) La Crescent, Minn.	26,225
Dorothy Schonlau (C. F.) Lewisport, Minn.	19,110
Pete Tillord Newhouse (T. P.) Mabel, Minn.	110,475
Loyd E. Harkness (B. W.) Mabel, Minn.	17,860
June Ferris (C. E.) North McGr gor, Iowa	27,350
Gerald Connell, Jr. (Gerald) North McGregor, Iowa	104,855
Gretta Lager (Wm.) New Albion, Iowa	26,750
Al. n W. Crowley (Alan) New Albion, Iowa	36,625
Lillian Welper (Gus) New Albion, Iowa	38,920
Ellenor A. Moen (O. A.) Peterson, Minn.	41,780
Eunice Corrine Erickson (E. T.) Peterson, Minn.	33,020
Clyde A. Dean, Jr. (C. A.) Preston, Minn.	33,950
Sigurd Austinson (N. T.) Rushford, Minn.	121,750
James H. Eggen (C. A.) Rushford, Minn.	61,975
Elizabeth Shervin (S.) Rushford, Minn.	27,110
Rachel Felier (Peter) Rushford, Minn.	322,910
Evenson Twins (Otto) Spring Grove, Minn.	27,820
Theodore Glasrud, Jr., (Theodore) Spring Grove, Minn.	11,225
Margaret Katherine Lee (Knut) Spring Grove, Minn.	52,150
Inez Onsgard (B. L.) Spring Grove, Minn.	303,030
Charles Weisman (J. C.) 205 E. Howard, St. Winona, Minn.	78,450
Harold Roth (H. J.) 823 W. Broadway, Winona, Minn.	

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Tribune's Shower of Gold for Babies.

For _____
Parents' Name _____
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Your name and address _____

NOTE—Clip the coupons out neatly and tie or pin in bundles. It will only be necessary to write the name on the top coupon in the bundle. You will find a ballot box at The Tribune office where coupons can be deposited at any time.

BABY CONTENDERS IN THE TRIBUNE'S SHOWER OF GOLD ELECTION

Watch for the pictures of the TRIBUNE'S "Shower of Gold" babies each day. Six more little faces will appear tomorrow.



ANNA VERA BAUMBACH
You'll have to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William E. Baumbach of Sparta, upon this dear little daughter. We can't think of any place in which the word "cute" fits so admirably. She's a Vera lovely child Anna tip on candidate.



MASTER ROBT. E. GOLDSTEIN
He ought to fill a golden stein in the Shower of Gold—this bouncing Bobby boy. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goldstein, at 323 North 9th street. Don't Mas-the word "Goldstein" look just like a boy born to always "finish what he starts"?



MARIAN GRAVES
This healthy, happy baby lives in Wilton, Wis. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Graves, and they've won a prize in Marian's sweet little self bigger than the biggest golden prize ever offered. But just the same, they're looking for a shower.



MASTER BERNARD BAAKE
Here's a North La Crosse boy who should be a great vote-getter, as the politicians say. Don't those pretty eyes look dead in earnest about this Shower of Gold? His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Baake, 2201 George street, are dead in earnest about it, too.



MASTER STUART TORRANCE
Not many boys are so handsome and at once so strong looking as Stuart, but in all history the Stuarts were dashing and strong and good looking, so Master Stuart is history repeating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Torrance, 1394 S. 16th St. for pretty babes.



EFFIE HAGGERTY
Talk about "My Wild Irish Rose"! No wonder the poets enthuse and the musicians sing of their graces. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haggerty, Ferryville are rearing this rose, and Effie should prove to be a "climbing rose" in this Shower of Gold race.

NINE MORE DAYS ONLY BEFORE THE "SHOWER OF GOLD"

Make Every Minute Count for Votes and Clinch a Golden Purse for Your Baby

RUSHING ON THE HOME STRETCH

All in a Bunch the Candidates Have Swung Into the Straight-away at Top Speed

NECK AND NECK NEAR FINISH

Final Bursts of Speed Must Decide Outcome in Great Race of Babes for the \$1,550

Say!

Every City Worker in the Shower of Gold election who does not get 75 per cent of this 10-weeks subscriptions extended to ONE YEAR during the remaining NINE DAYS of this race HAS MISSED HIS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY.

Every country and village worker who does not get 75 per cent of his 4-months subscribers extended to ONE YEAR during the remaining NINE DAYS has MISSED HIS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY.

Nail that to the wall. Getting them is almost automatic. You couldn't get the paper away from lots of them if you wanted to. It is simply a matter of seeing them, and don't forget that these extensions COUNT AS NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A Wonderful Race

We're watching the finish of this race with great interest and admiration. The intelligence of the workers, the clean competition with which they are working out their plans, the efficiency shown in every quarter are unusual. We congratulate this newspaper upon its good fortune in having attracted to the Shower of Gold enterprise a group of citizens so high-minded, so above temptation of careless methods and shallow expedients, so eminently fitted to be the parents of the beautiful and attractive babies many of whose pictures have furnished adornment of these pages and many more of whom are to appear to brighten the drab color of the day's chronicles.

Only Nine Days More

It is imperative that from now on every worker shall bear in mind the value of TIME. There remain but NINE MORE DAYS. The election closes on the evening of Dec. 22. There are BUT FIVE DAYS REMAINING IN THIS WEEK. That ends the last quarter up to the home stretch. Then there will be the HOME STRETCH, only four days—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. How important, then, is every DAY, every HOUR, every MINUTE.

So far as we can judge from the subscriptions already turned in, the workers are so close that THE WORK OF THE REMAINING NINE DAYS MAY DECIDE MOST IF INDEED NOT ALL THE WINNERS.

"Who Hesitates is Lost"

You'd hate to lose one of these rich purses of gold for your baby, or your favorite, simply and only BECAUSE YOU HAD WASTED ONE DAY, OR ONE HOUR. Yet this is the very thing that may happen to every contestant in the Shower of Gold election. You CAN'T AFFORD to let up EVEN FOR AN HOUR IF YOU do. OTHERS will NOT, and right there, in that wasted sixty minutes, may be where you and your baby lost by a small margin to the baby of the worker who WAS BUSY in that single ONE HOUR that you lost.

Remember "Salvator"

You've all seen a field of horses dash round the quarter together, rush up the back stretch in a bunch, fight for position on the last turn and dash into the last straight-away with nose on cropper. Then you've seen the jockies bend low and drive hard as the gallant nags flash into the home stretch. Here, always, is the test. In the big field a few noble animals, drawing upon a carefully nursed reserve of energy, pull ahead in a final burst of speed that sends them under the wire winners of the various purses in the great race. Reserve force probably will be the deciding factor in the Shower of Gold race. You've all been "going good". There is not much to choose between any of you. Now you're in the last straight-away, and Sunday you

PETEY DINK—You Must Not Raise False Hopes, Petey, by Visiting Jewelry Stores Now

By C. A. Voight



TRIBUNE WANT ADS ARE PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS FOR HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. Are You One?

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BOTH PHONES 323.

HELP WANTED—MALE

A HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD guaranteed acceptable men to serve satisfactorily as firemen or brakemen, nearby railroads, wages \$120; experience unnecessary. Railway Association, care Tribune.

SALESMEN

WANTED—Two men to represent an educational institution in city and towns. Good wages, pleasant work. address Box 594, City. 12 11 14

MALE OR FEMALE

WANTED—Local manager, lady or gentleman. Salary \$15.00 per week. Permanent position. Experience unnecessary. Write quick. Geo. F. Foster, Gen. Del., La Crosse, Wis. 12 13 15

HELP WANTED—Female

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. 230 South 16th. 12 11 14

WANTED—Girls to assist in bake shop. Banner Dairy Lunch. 12 13 15

WANTED—Cook at Home Restaurant, at once. 118 South Fifth. 12 13 14

WANTED—Waitress in lunch room. Hotel Foley, 501 Mill. 12 13 14

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Big type Poland China swine. I can save you money on spring gets and boars. Also Short horn cattle. Write your wants. W. T. Hartley, R. No. 3, La Crosse, Wis. 11 12 14

FOR SALE—Bargains in good used cars, 2, 4, 5, 7 passengers. Overhauled and guaranteed. Elsen and Phillips, 110 South Second. New phone 61. 10 15 14

FOR SALE—Household furniture at real bargains. Come early, as we will clean out all furniture before Dec. 18. 1219 South Twelfth. 12 11 14

MUST CLEAN UP remainder of grocery stock and fixtures this week. Will sell at big discount below wholesale. 1219 West avenue south. 12 13 14

FOR SALE—Oakland auto, electric equipment. Decided bargain if taken before Dec. 20. 1219 South Twelfth. 12 11 14

FOR SALE—One invalid's wheel chair and one large air tight wood heater. 512 Oakland street. 12 13 17

FOR SALE—Saxon roadster, cheap to run. Bought this year. Leithold Piano Co., 325 Main street. 12 13 18

FOR SALE—Water motor washer. Gas range, ice chest, bedroom furniture. 1316 State street. New phone 11-A. 12 13 17

FOR SALE—A nice gentle horse. harness, buggy and surrey. 1220 Mississippi St. 1287-M. 9 25 14

FOR SALE—Hay, H. S. Burroughs. Farm phone 1070-M; office phone 1589-M. 11 15 14

FOR SALE—Household goods, account leaving city. 1018 State. New phone 1079-C. 12 10 13

FOR SALE—Cheap, fox moff and neck piece. 508 Cass. 1691-M new phone. 12 11 14

FOR SALE—Pure bred Poland China hogs. Hare Brothers, R. F. D. 2, Trempealeau, Wis. 12 13 27

FOR SALE—Horse and surrey. 1316 State street. New phone 551-A. 12 13 14

FOR SALE—Small soft coal burner, almost new. 427 North Sixth. 12 13 15

FOR SALE—Household furniture. 220 North Eighth street. 12 13 15

FOR EXCHANGE—Will trade hay for young stock. H. S. Burroughs. Farm phone 1070-M; office phone 1589-M. 11 15 14

WILL SELL—Hamilton piano, cost \$350, used three years, now \$75. 1219 West avenue south. 12 13 14

FOR SALE—Four sectional bookcases, golden oak finish, like new. New phone 389-C. 12 13 15

REAL ESTATE for Sale or Trade

FOR SALE—Large lot in business section, especially fit location for garage, and storing and handling automobiles. Also several sets surveyor's instruments and implements used in the work. compasses, telescope, levels, tripods, poles, etc., including a Gurley Transit, all in fine condition. Apply to Wm. S. Burroughs. 12 11 14

FOR SALE—Five room house on big lot, Fifteenth and Denton. Also five room house on corner lot on Prospect and Rubie. Also corner lot on Eighth and Ferry, and lot on 23rd and Cass. Good school bus 621 So. Eighth. Could be used as duplex. Phone 1387-M. 1220 Mississippi St. 9 25 14

FOR SALE—Summer cottage located in "Shore Acres" on Mississippi. Buy now, build later. \$1000 buys acre. Terms if desired. W. V. Kidder 114 N. 5th. 8-27 14

80 ACRES—Only \$400 down. 4 1/2 miles from town, on main road, suitable to school, creamery and store. Bargain at \$1,100. Land shown free. Only 63 miles from Twin Cities on Soo line. Martin Yde, Luck, Wis. 12 13 15

FOR SALE—Modern cottage, 16th and Winnebago, 5 rooms, pantry and bath. Full basement with laundry, furnace. Price \$2,200. Terms, \$500 down. Royce, 611 Ferry. 12 10 16

FOR SALE—Strictly modern 8 room house in center of most exclusive residence district. Royce, 611 Ferry. 12 10 16

FOR SALE—Store and house, southeast corner Tenth and Adams street. Apply at 915 South Fifth St. 12 13 17

FOR SALE—230 acre farm, two miles east of Stoddard. Inquire 1507 South Tenth. 12 16 18

FOR SALE—8 room house near 10th and Redfield, \$400 down, balance like rent. Royce, 611 Ferry. 10 12 16

FOR YOUR holiday fruitcakes call 267 Onalaska, Bell 2133 2 rings. 12 10 16

FOR SALE—Hard coal heater and small air tight stove. Call new phone 951-R. 12 10 10

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good farm, cheap. Box 322, city. 12 7 11

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Odd Fellows hall, third floor, or small hall, second floor, first and third Fridays. Address Secretary Odd Fellows' Hall Association, La Crosse. 12 11 14

FOR RENT—Eight room house, modern except heat. 408 North Seventh. \$22. C. F. Klein, 310 Pearl. 11 15 14

FOR RENT—2 neatly furnished front rooms at 316 Pearl. Inquire L. B. Ledman, 125 So. 3rd. 12 10 13

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms in suite for light housekeeping. Light, gas and water. Cheap if taken at once. Call New phone 1852-C. Address 1029 South 4th. 12 10 13

FOR RENT—Fire room strictly modern cottage. 16th and Winnebago Streets. New phone 1727-R. 12 10 13

FOR RENT—Housekeeping rooms, partly modern for man and wife. No children. \$12.00. 320 No. 8th St. 12 10 13

FOR RENT—Seven room modern house, 820 South Sixth. Call new phone 328-M. 11 16 14

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, 125 South Third. Inquire L. B. Ledman. 12 13 15

FOR RENT—Modern apartment with city heat. 136 South Thirteenth. 12 2 15

FOR RENT—Modern furnished rooms for housekeeping. Phone 1487-A. 12 11 14

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 709 South Fourth. 12 11 15

FOR RENT—All modern furnished rooms. 215 South Seventh. 12 8 14

FOR RENT—Modern 6 room house. Inquire A. O. Colby. 12 7 14

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms with board. \$4 per week. 162 North Fourth. 12 8 14

FOR RENT—Two front rooms, furnished. 603 South Seventh. 1152-M. 12 7 13

FOR RENT—Seven room house, modern except heat. 1302 Jackson. Call 585-C. 12 9 15

FOR RENT—Five room house. 325 Jackson street. 12 8 21

FOR RENT—Garage. Call 1746-M. 585-C. 9 3 14

MISCELLANEOUS

WILL SELL—beef in quarters from 6 to 9 1/4 c, according to quality. Dressed hogs 8c to 10c. Pay 13c to 17c for hides according to quality. C. Davey, Bangor, Wis. 12 11 10

FOR THE BEST GRADE of gasoline and oil engines, engineering equipments, pumps, implements and vehicles, see the Castle Engineering Co., 325-327 Jay street. 3 24 14

WANTED—Plain sewing. Mrs. Love, 614 La Crosse. Call 1513-R. 12 13 15

WANTED—To do washings and ironings. 603 South Seventh. 12 7 16

WANTED TO BUY—Lathe and five horse power A. C. motor. Address A. C. Tribune. 12 11 13

DO YOU WANT a carpenter? Call Hamilton New phone 1457-M. 11 27 12 26

LEAVE ORDERS at 1102-M new phone for chimney and furnace cleaning. Mark Andersen. 12 13 15

PRACTICAL NURSE wants position caring for lady or gentleman. Old Phone 5574. 12 10 13

CALL new phone 1529-C for power wood sawing. 11 20 17

CUT PRICES on magazine subscriptions. Weis Book Store. 11 5 14

Public Stenographer

DICTIONARY, typewriting, copying. Room 1, Bat Bank Bldg. Phone 762. 11 2 2 1

LOST

LOST—Hunting dog, white body, yellow head and legs. Return to Henry Brown, Stevenston, Wis. Reward. 12 13 15

LOST—Gold watch bracelet. Initials engraved on back. 702 No. Tenth. Reward. 12 13 15

LOST—Friday, pair of glasses in black case, Gertrude Dickens. New phone 1901-C. 12 13 15

LOST—Package containing shirt and necktie. Please leave at Tribune office. 12 13 16

LOST—Small coin purse containing one \$20 bill and small change. Phone 709-C. Reward. 12 9 14

LOST—Round gold locket with initials O. W. M. Return to Tribune. Reward. 11 10 14

CUT RATE SHIPPING

CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific coast and other points, superior service at reduced rates. The boy's transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn. 12 13 15

Stoves and Furniture

SECOND-HAND furniture & stoves. Bell Furniture Co., 216 So. 4th. 2 17 14

FINANCIAL

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and diamonds. La Crosse Loan Co., 320 Main street, upstairs. 9 9 14

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION lends money on real estate. Study its monthly payment plan. 12 4 14

BRYAN CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—W. J. Bryan was cited by Justice Geiger to show cause why he should not be declared in contempt of the New York supreme court, for failing to answer a subpoena calling for his testimony in a quarrel between Greeks over the sale of obsolete United States warships to the Greek government.

Instead of remaining in New York after he was served at the Hotel Biltmore last Saturday, Bryan went to Miami, Fla., his winter home and sent a telegram to the justice suggesting that his deposition be taken there. Justice Geiger ignored the telegram and issued the contempt order against the former cabinet premier.

Daily Markets

Wholesale (Quoted by John C. Burns.)

Apples, Wash., 1/2 bbl. box. \$1.50
Apples, Jonathans, box. \$1.75
Apples, Ben Davis, bbl. \$3.50
Apples, Genitons, bbl. \$3.50
Apples, Winkler, bbl. \$3.50
Oranges, Naval Sunlight. \$4.25
Cider, clarified, 1/2 bbl. \$4.00
Cider, steam refined. \$3.75
Cider, crab apple, 1/2 bbl. \$5.00
Cranberries, B. and C. bbl. \$7.50
Late Howes, per bbl. \$10.00
Bananas, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$2.50
Celery, Michigan. \$1.15, 25, 50c
Lemons, 200 to 250 box. \$5.00
Oysters, standards, gal. \$1.20
Grape fruit, per box. \$4.25
Grapes, Almeria, gal. \$7.00
Oysters, Selects, per gal. \$1.50
Sweet potatoes, Va. bbl. \$4.00
Evergreen Wreathing, per yard. 5c

Livestock (Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Packing Company.)

Hogs. \$5.00 to \$5.75
Cows. \$3.00 to \$4.50
Steers. \$4.00 to \$5.00
Heifers. \$3.50 to \$5.00
Sheep. \$3.50 to \$4.00
Spring lambs. \$5.00 to \$6.00

Provisions

Lard, per pound. 10 1/2 to 11c
Shoulders, per pound. 9 to 10c
Sicilies, per pound. 11 1/2 to 12c
Bacon, per pound. 15 to 22c
Ham, per pound. 13 1/2 to 15c
Dried beef, per pound. 18 to 22c

Poultry

Chickens. \$1 1/2 to 2c
Spring Chickens. \$1.10 to 11c
Turkeys. \$1.00 to 1.10c
Ducks. \$1.00 to 1.10c
Geese. \$1.00 to 1.10c

Flour and Feed (Quoted by Listman Mill Co.)

Patent, per barrel. \$5.70
Straight, per barrel. \$5.50
Bran, per ton, 100 lb. sacks. \$23.00
Shorts, ton, 100 lb. sacks. \$25.00
White middlings, per ton, 100 lb. sacks. \$31.00
Red Dog, per ton, 100 lb. sacks. \$33.00

Grain (Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Market Co.)

Corn. \$1.75 to \$1.85c
Oats. \$1.00 to \$1.15c
Wheat. \$1.00 to \$1.15c
Rye. \$1.00 to \$1.15c
Barley. \$1.00 to \$1.15c

Butter and Eggs (Quoted by Hawley Co. Co.)

Creamery butter, pound. 35 to 36c
Dairy butter, per pound. 30 to 32c
Eggs, fresh, dozen. 34c
Eggs, Storage, dozen. 25c

Cheese (Quoted by Hy. Anderregg)

Fancy full Cream Brick Cheese, in cases. \$1.16 to 18c
Wisconsin Twins. \$1.16 to 17c
Wisconsin Daisys. \$1.16 to 17c
Wisconsin Limburger. \$1.17 to 19c
Wisconsin Swiss, round. \$2.23 to 25c
Wisconsin Swiss Block. \$2.21 to 25c
German Hand Cheese, box. \$1.90c
Prim ost, per pound. \$1.7 to 30c

ALBERTA WOMEN WIN FIGHT FOR SISTER

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.—The women of Alberta have won their fight to save the life of Mrs. Anna Hawkes of MacLeod, sentenced to hang for the killing of her husband's paramour.

Announcement was made Saturday that the executive clemency has been extended and the sentence commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

Hundreds of petitions protesting against the death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Hawkes were received here. The plea was made that Mrs. Hawkes killed the woman who had been brought into her home while in a state of hysteria.

COUNCILLORS AGREE SAYS PARIS REPORT

PARIS, Dec. 13.—"All questions of urgent nature have been settled with complete accord," it was stated Saturday following another session of the allied war council.

It is presumed the announcement covers all reported differences concerning the conduct of operations in the Balkans.

The announcement was made after Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, Premier Briand and General Gallieni had held a lengthy conference at the conclusion of the war council sessions.

Foreign Markets

New York Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Studabaker sold up 1 1/2 at 167 1/2 at the opening of the stock exchange today and was almost the only stock to make a marked gain over Sunday. Railroads and steel stocks generally showed losses.

U. S. Steel was down 1/4 at 85 1/2; Crucible lost 3/4 at 71 1/2 and Baltimore & Ohio was down 1/2 at 92 1/2. The market was dull during the early afternoon. There was uncertainty over the outcome of the Austrian situation. It was believed the dissolution of the Anglo-French bond syndicate had been discounted and that the bonds would find a level around 95.

Attendance was large and interest centered chiefly in the Austrian note. The selling movement which started early disappeared in the second hour and trading turned dull.

Bethlehem Steel sold at 455, off 16 from the last sale, and American Tobacco sold as low as 200, down nine points. Rock Island was active, touching 17 3/4, then falling to 17 at noon.

The market closed dull.

New York Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Cotton prices slumped heavily today on the New York Cotton exchange when the offensive bear movement started, based on an apparent flood of stop orders. Prices in some cases were off \$2 a bale. Prices were steady out of three to seventeen points on first call.

New York Money
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Money on call, 2 per cent; time money, 2 3/4 per cent for six months; prime mercantile, 3 per cent.

Bar Silver: London, 26 11-16d; New York, 55 5-8c.

Demand sterling, 4.71 5-8.

Kansas City Livestock
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts 18,000; market steady, 10c higher; steers, \$5.50 to \$10.00; cows and heifers, \$4.00 to \$9.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.35 to \$7.75; calves, \$6.00 to \$9.50.

Hogs—Receipts 12,000; market 5c lower; bulk, \$6.15 to \$6.40; heavy, \$6.30 to \$6.45; medium, \$6.20 to \$6.45; light, \$6.10 to \$6.35.

Sheep—Receipts 10,000; market steady; lambs, \$8.25 to \$8.85; ewes, \$5.25 to \$6.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.00 to \$8.40.

Chicago Livestock
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 13.—Hogs—Receipts 65,000; market steady to 5c lower; mixed and butchers, \$5.85 to \$6.65; good heavy, \$5.90 to \$6.45; rough heavy, \$6.05 to \$6.20; light, \$5.50 to \$6.35; pigs, \$4.15 to \$5.50.

Cattle—Receipts 20,500; market steady; beefs, \$5.50 to \$10.50; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$8.25; Texans, \$6.00 to \$6.90; calves, \$6.50 to \$10.35.

Sheep—Receipts 35,000; market 10c to 15c lower; native, \$6.15 to \$6.75; western, \$6.20 to \$6.75; lambs, \$7.15 to \$9.30; westerns, \$7.25 to \$9.35.

Chicago Produce
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Butter—Creamery extras, 33 1/2c; extra firsts, 31 to 33c; firsts, 26 to 30c; seconds, 23 to 24 1/2c.

Eggs—Ordinaries, 27 to 28c; firsts, 29 to 30c.

Cheese—Twins, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c; Young Americas, 16 1/2 to 17c.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 11 to 13 1/2c; ducks, 11 to 13 1/2c; geese, 13c; springs, 13 1/4 to 14c; turkeys, 12 to 16c.

Potatoes—Receipts 20 cars; Wisconsin, 70 to 75c.

Chicago Cash Grain
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.12; No. 2 hard, \$1.14 1/2 to \$1.16; No. 3 hard, \$1.08 to \$1.10; No. 3 spring, \$1.08 3/4 to \$1.10.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66 1/2 to 67 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 64 3/4 to 66c; No. 5 yellow, 62 1/2 to 65c; No. 6 yellow, 60 1/4 to 62c; No. 2 white, 68 1/2 to 69c; No. 3 white, 66 1/2 to 68c; No. 4 white, 64 to 65 3/4c; No. 5 white, 62 to 64 1/2c; No. 6 white, 60 1/2 to 61c; No. 2 mixed, 68 1/4 to 69c; No. 3 mixed, 66 1/2 to 68c; No. 4 mixed, 64 to 65c; No. 5 mixed, 62 1/2 to 63 1/2c; No. 6 mixed, 61 to 62c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 40 to 42c; No. 4

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LIVESTOCK SATURDAY
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 11.—Hogs—Receipts 30,000; market dull, 10c lower; mixed and butchers, \$5.85 to \$6.65; good heavy, \$5.95 to \$6.45; rough heavy, \$6.10 to \$6.25; light, \$5.50 to \$6.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 300; market steady; beefs, \$5.50 to \$10.50; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$8.25; Texans, \$6.05 to \$6.90; calves, \$6.50 to \$10.35.

Sheep—Receipts 3,000; market steady; native, \$6.10 to \$6.50; western, \$6.10 to \$6.75; lambs, \$7.25 to \$9.10; western, \$7.25 to \$9.10.</

